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THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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1 [No reportable action was taken in closed

2 on session Tuesday, September 22, 2015]

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6 AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.: GOOD MORNING. THE

7 MEETING WILL NOW COME TO ORDER.

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9 SUP. KNABE: I WOULD LIKE TO NOMINATE MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS TO BE

10 ACTING CHAIR TODAY FOR OUR MEETING.

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12 AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.: THANK YOU. I WILL

13 CALL FOR A ROLL CALL VOTE.

14

15 SUP. KNABE: HOW ABOUT? OKAY, WHATEVER.

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17 AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-

18 THOMAS?

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20 SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: AYE.

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22 SUP. KNABE: GOOD VOTE.

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24 AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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1    **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** AYE.

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3    **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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5    **SUP. KNABE:** AYE.

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7    **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** MR. CHAIR PRO TEM

8    RIDLEY-THOMAS.

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10   **SUP. KNABE:** ALL RIGHT.

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12   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE WILL BEGIN WITH

13   THE PROCEEDINGS FOR TODAY. WE WELCOME YOU TO THE REGULARLY

14   SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF

15   SUPERVISORS. AS IS OUR CUSTOM, WE WILL HAVE THE INVOCATION AND

16   PLEDGE THIS MORNING. PASTOR ADAM TYSON FROM THE PLACERITA

17   BIBLE CHURCH IN NEWHALL REPRESENTING THE FIFTH DISTRICT WILL

18   BE OUR INVOCATEUR AND JORGE ANAYA FROM THE LIEUTENANT

19   COMMANDER UNITED STATES NAVY RESERVE FROM THE CITY OF GLENDALE

20   AGAIN REPRESENTING THE FIFTH DISTRICT WILL LEAD US IN THE

21   PLEDGE. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WILL YOU PLEASE RISE FOR THE

22   MONRING'S INVOCATION.

23

24   **PASTOR DR. ADAM TYSON:** LET'S BOW OUR HEADS TOGETHER. GOD, WE

25   COME TO YOU THIS MORNING WITH THOUGHFUL HEARTS. WE ARE

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1 OVERWHELMED WITH YOUR GRACE IN OUR LIVES. WE THANK YOU FOR  
2 GIVING US LIFE AND BREATH AND ALL THINGS. WE THANK YOU FOR  
3 THIS GREAT COUNTRY, ONE NATION UNDER GOD. LORD, WE DON'T  
4 DESERVE TO LIVE IN AMERICA, BUT YOU PLACED US HERE IN THE LAND  
5 OF THE FREE AND IN THE HOME OF THE BRAVE, AND WE THANK YOU FOR  
6 THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE GIVEN THEIR LIVES THAT WE MIGHT  
7 HAVE BREATH AND THAT WE MIGHT BREATHE THE FRESH AIR OF FREEDOM  
8 AND WALK ON THE GROUND OF FORTITUDE. AND WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT  
9 THIS DAY, THAT ALL MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL AND THEY ARE ENDOWED  
10 BY THEIR CREATOR WITH CERTAIN UNALIENABLE RIGHTS, THAT AMONG  
11 THESE ARE LIFE, LIBERTY AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS. OH GOD  
12 AND FATHER OF ALL, WOULD YOU BLESS THIS NATION TO BE A NATION  
13 THAT WOULD BE A SHINING LIGHT UNTO THE WORLD, AN EXAMPLE OF  
14 KINDNESS AND STRENGTH AND AN AGENT OF PEACE AND DEMOCRACY. I  
15 PRAY FOR OUR COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES THIS DAY, THAT YOU WOULD  
16 BLESS THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN ELECTED TO SERVE IN PUBLIC OFFICE.  
17 PROTECT THOSE WHO SERVE THIS COUNTRY BY KEEPING US SAFE AND  
18 LEADING US TO BE A COMMUNITY, A COMMUNITY THAT TRULY CARES FOR  
19 ONE ANOTHER. AND I PRAY THAT YOU WOULD BLESS THIS MEETING  
20 TODAY AS OUR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAVE THE GREAT AND AWESOME  
21 TASK TO SERVE THOSE IN THIS COUNTY. GIVE THEM WISDOM FROM ON  
22 HIGH TO MAKE DECISIONS TODAY GUIDED BY YOUR SOVEREIGN HAND  
23 THAT THEY WOULD BRING YOU GLORY. ALLOW THESE SUPERVISORS TO  
24 PUT OTHERS' INTERESTS IN FRONT OF THEIR OWN, THAT THEY WOULD  
25 BE WILLING TO SACRIFICE FOR THE GOOD OF THE PEOPLE AND THAT



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1 YOU WOULD GIVE THEM UNITY IN THIS MEETING. HELP THEM TO LOVE  
2 AS YOU LOVE, TO LEAD AS YOU LEAD AND TO SERVE AS YOU SERVE.  
3 AND IT'S YOUR MOST MATCHLESS AND POWERFUL NAME WE PRAY, AMEN.

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5 **JORGE ANAYA:** PLEASE FACE THE FLAG, PLACE YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER  
6 YOUR HEART. IF YOU ARE A VETERAN, YOU MAY RENDER A HAND SALUTE  
7 AND JOIN ME FOR THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. [PLEDGE OF  
8 ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'RE DELIGHTED  
11 TO HAVE WITH US TODAY PASTOR ADAM TYSON, WHO COMES TO US TODAY  
12 FROM THE PLACERITA BIBLE CHURCH IN NEWHALL. AND WE MAKE THIS  
13 PRESENTATION ON BEHALF OF MAYOR ANTONOVICH. DR. TYSON IS A  
14 SENIOR PASTOR OF THE CHURCH. HE PREVIOUSLY SERVED AS AN  
15 ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF STUDENT MINISTRIES AND OUTREACH AT  
16 LAKESIDE BIBLE CHURCH IN MONTGOMERY, TEXAS, FOR SOME SEVEN  
17 YEARS. PRIOR TO EARNING A MASTER'S OF DIVINITY DEGREE AND A  
18 DOCTORATE DEGREE IN MINISTRY FROM THE MASTERS SEMINARY, HE  
19 ATTENDED MEDICAL SCHOOL AND WORKED AS A PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANT  
20 IN CARDIOVASCULAR AND THORACIC SURGERY. HE HAS A PASSION FOR  
21 EXPOSITORY TEACHING, BIBLICAL COUNSELING AND WORLDWIDE  
22 MISSIONS AND ENJOYS SERVING THE COMMUNITY OF SANTA CLARITA. HE  
23 IS MARRIED TO LISA AND THEY HAVE FIVE CHILDREN, ANNA, NATE,  
24 MAKIAH, HUDSON AND ZOEY. SO TODAY WE SAY THANK YOU, DR. TYSON,  
25 ON BEHALF OF SUPERVISOR, OUR MAYOR, MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH. I

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1 WISH TO PRESENT THIS CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO YOU ON  
2 BEHALF OF ALL OF US HERE TODAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.  
3 [APPLAUSE.] COLLEAGUES, I'M DELIGHTED TO PRESENT THIS  
4 CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO OUR PLEDGE VETERAN FOR THIS  
5 MORNING, THE ONE AND ONLY JORGE ANAYA, WHO IS A LIEUTENANT  
6 COMMANDER WITH THE UNITED STATES NAVY RESERVE. HE SERVED AS AN  
7 AVIATION MAINTENANCE DUTY OFFICER IN AFGHANISTAN AND MULTIPLE  
8 WESTERN PACIFIC AND ARABIAN GULF DEPLOYMENTS. HE IS A  
9 RECIPIENT OF NUMEROUS HONORS, INCLUDING THE AFGHANISTAN  
10 CAMPAIGN MEDAL, GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL  
11 AND THE NAVY OVERSEAS SERVICE RIBBON. HE GRADUATED FROM THE  
12 UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA LOS ANGELES AND FROM THE NAVAL  
13 POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL. HE IS CURRENTLY A PROJECT OFFICER WITH  
14 THE NAVY RESERVE MAINTENANCE MODIFICATION AND OVERALL  
15 DETACHMENT A IN CHINA LAKE AND WORKS AS A MANAGEMENT FELLOW  
16 WITH THE L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES. HE  
17 WAS BORN IN LOS ANGELES, RAISED IN WATTS, AND LYNWOOD. AND HE  
18 HAS A DISTINCTION OF BEING MARRIED TO SITALI SORETTO AND  
19 CURRENTLY LIVES IN THE CITY OF GLENDALE. AS I SAID TO HIM  
20 EARLIER, HE LEFT THE SECOND DISTRICT AND WENT TO THE FIFTH  
21 DISTRICT AND HE SAID HE DID IT AT THE BEHEST OF HIS WIFE. AND  
22 HE WISHES TO ENJOY MARITAL BLISS, SO WE ALL UNDERSTAND HOW  
23 THAT WORKS. SO WE WANT TO THANK YOU TODAY FOR LEADING US TODAY  
24 IN TODAY'S PLEDGE AND FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR NATION, AND WE  
25 DO SO ON BEHALF OF THE MAYOR OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, MICHAEL D.



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1 ANTONOVICH AND THE BALANCE OF THE BOARD, MANY OF WHOM ARE HERE  
2 TODAY. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR NATION.  
3 [APPLAUSE.] THANK YOU VERY MUCH, COLLEAGUES, WE'LL BEGIN WITH  
4 THE CALLING OF THE AGENDA. MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

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6 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** GOOD MORNING. WE  
7 WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 3, PUBLIC HEARINGS. ON ITEMS  
8 1, 2 AND 3, WE WILL HOLD THESE FOR HEARING. ON ITEM NO. 4,  
9 SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO OCTOBER  
10 27, 2015. ON ITEM NO. 5, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THIS ITEM  
11 BE CONTINUED TO OCTOBER 27, 2015. ON ITEM NO. 6, SUPERVISOR  
12 KUEHL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO OCTOBER 20,  
13 2015. AND ON ITEM 7, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA,  
14 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE  
15 WEEK TO SEPTEMBER 29, 2015. AND ON ITEM 18, THE DIRECTOR OF  
16 PLANNING REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO OCTOBER 27,  
17 2015.

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19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ITEM 8 OR 18.

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21 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** I APOLOGIZE. ON ITEM  
22 8, THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE  
23 CONTINUED TO OCTOBER 27, 2015.

24

25 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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2 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 7

3 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 9 THROUGH

4 19. ON ITEM NO. 10 AND ON ITEM NO. 11, WE WILL HOLD THESE

5 ITEMS FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. ON ITEM 15, A MEMBER OF THE

6 PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 17 AND ITEM 18

7 AND ITEM 19, A MEMBER OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THESE

8 ITEMS BE HELD. THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE BOARD OF

9 SUPERVISORS ARE BEFORE YOU.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SUPERVISOR KUEHL

12 MOVES. SUPERVISOR KNABE SECONDS. THAT WILL BE THE ORDER,

13 UNANIMOUS VOTE. NEXT ITEM, PLEASE.

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15 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 13, CONSENT

16 CALENDAR, ITEMS 20 THROUGH 29. ON ITEM 20, THE DIRECTOR OF

17 HEALTH SERVICES REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK

18 TO SEPTEMBER 29, 2015. ON ITEM 21, THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH

19 SERVICES REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO

20 SEPTEMBER 29, 2015. ON ITEM 22, THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH

21 SERVICES REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO

22 SEPTEMBER 29, 2015. ON ITEM 23, AS INDICATED ON THE

23 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REQUESTS

24 THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT.

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1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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3    **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** ON ITEMS 24, 25, 26,  
4    27 AND 28, A MEMBER OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THESE  
5    ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM 29, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL  
6    AGENDA, SUPERVISOR KUEHL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED  
7    ONE WEEK TO SEPTEMBER 29, 2015. THE REMAINING ITEMS ON THE  
8    CONSENT CALENDAR ARE BEFORE YOU.

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10   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SUPERVISOR KNABE  
11   MOVES. SUPERVISOR KUEHL SECONDS. AND THAT WILL BE THE ORDER.

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13   **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 19,  
14   MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE  
15   THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE  
16   SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, ITEM 30-A. THIS ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

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18   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** 38 IS BEFORE US -- 30-A IS BEFORE US.

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20   **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** 30-A.

21

22   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR KUEHL MOVES AND  
23   SUPERVISOR KNABE SECONDS. PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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1    **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** THAT COMPLETES THE  
2    READING OF THE AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS  
3    BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 4.

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5    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WE BEGIN TODAY WITH THE PRESENTATIONS TO  
6    OUR SPECIAL GUESTS. AND TODAY WE WELCOME THE CONSUL GENERAL OF  
7    ITALY, ANTONIO VERDE. PLEASE GIVE HIM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE,  
8    WON'T YOU, PLEASE? [APPLAUSE.] THE CONSUL GENERAL JOINED THE  
9    MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN ROME IN 1990 AFTER SERVING AS  
10   C.E.O. OF PRAFIN EDITORIAL, A BOOK PUBLISHING COMPANY IN  
11   NAPLES. HE BECAME DEPUTY HEAD OF OFFICE IN THE DIRECTORATE  
12   GENERAL FOR THE MATTERS OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS. AS HE WAS  
13   PROMOTED UPWARDS, HE WENT ON TO SERVE IN THE ITALIAN EMBASSIES  
14   IN TOKYO AND MOSCOW AND WAS APPOINTED TO CONSUL GENERAL OF  
15   SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA, THEN BECAME DEPUTY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE  
16   OF ITALY TO THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE IN STRASBURG, FRANCE. THEN  
17   HE DIDN'T STOP THERE. HE CONTINUED HIS WORK. HE CAME TO LOS  
18   ANGELES TO BECOME THE CONSUL GENERAL FROM ROME WHERE HE SERVED  
19   AS THE RELATIONSHIP COORDINATOR BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN UNION AND  
20   THE ASIAN-PACIFIC COUNTRIES. HE EARNED HIS DEGREE IN POLITICAL  
21   SCIENCE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF ORIENTAL STUDIES IN NAPLES, AND  
22   HE HAS PUBLISHED A HISTORY OF CULTURAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THOSE  
23   TWO NATIONS, SPECIFICALLY BOTH ITALY AND JAPAN. AND SO IT'S ON  
24   BEHALF OF THE MORE THAN 10 MILLION RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES  
25   AND THIS ENTIRE BOARD THAT I AM PLEASED TO WELCOME YOU TO LOS

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1 ANGELES AND ASK YOU TO SAY A FEW SPECIAL WORDS, AFTER WHICH  
2 WE'LL BE MAKING A SPECIAL PRESENTATION TO YOU. WELCOME, THE  
3 CONSUL GENERAL OF ITALY ONCE AGAIN. [APPLAUSE.]

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5 **ANTONIO VERDE:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, CHAIRMAN  
6 RIDLEY-THOMAS AND GOOD MORNING TO EVERYBODY AND ESPECIALLY TO  
7 THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. IT'S INDEED A GREAT  
8 HONOR FOR ME TO REPRESENT ITALY IN A COUNTY AS SPECIAL AS LOS  
9 ANGELES. AND I'M GRATEFUL TO HAVE BEEN OFFERED THE OPPORTUNITY  
10 TO MEET YOU. THE TIES BETWEEN ITALY AND LOS ANGELES HAS BEEN  
11 HISTORICALLY VERY DEEP. THE FIRST ITALIAN ARRIVED HERE IN 1820  
12 AND BY 1873, THE CITY'S COMMON COUNCIL HAD AN ITALIAN AMERICAN  
13 PRESIDENT, FRANK SAVICHI. AND TODAY WE ARE VERY PROUD TO HAVE  
14 SO MANY CITIZENS OF ITALIAN ORIGIN BEING ACTIVE MEMBERS OF  
15 ECONOMIC, POLITICAL, CULTURAL ADMINISTRATIVE ENVIRONMENT OF  
16 THIS COUNTY. ITALIANS ARE ABLE TO KEEP ALIVE VERY STRONGLY THE  
17 IDENTITY AND AT THE SAME TIME THEY ARE VERY SUCCESSFUL IN  
18 INTEGRATING INTO THE MAINSTREAM OF THEIR NEW COUNTRY. THIS IS  
19 A SORT OF WONDERFUL PARADOX OF ITALIAN AMERICANS PROUDLY  
20 STEEPED IN ITALIAN CULTURE, TRADITIONS AND TRADITIONAL VALUES,  
21 AND AT THE SAME TIME FULL MEMBERS OF ITALIAN SOCIETY. WE ARE  
22 PROUD OF THE MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF ITALIAN AMERICANS. WE ARE  
23 PROUD FOR THE ONE SITTING ON THE SUPREME COURT BENCH SERVING  
24 AS SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE, A CITY COUNCILMAN, SHERIFF, AND WE  
25 WANT TO RECOGNIZE THE COUNTLESS RESEARCHERS, EDUCATORS,

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1 WRITERS, AND THOSE WHO ARE ABLE TO SUCCEED IN THIS NEW WORLD.  
2 THE VERY FACT THAT WE HAVE A CONSULAR OFFICE HERE FOR WELL  
3 OVER A CENTURY ATTESTS THE ATTENTION THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT  
4 HAS ALWAYS HAD FOR LOS ANGELES. I'M WORKING SINCE MY ARRIVAL  
5 HERE A FEW MONTHS AGO TO STRENGTHEN THE TIES AND FURTHER  
6 DEVELOP THE CULTURAL, ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP  
7 BETWEEN MY COUNTRY AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND PROMOTING  
8 RECIPROCAL KNOWLEDGE. TO ITALY I WILL SAY TO COME AND SEE THE  
9 DYNAMIC BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT THIS AREA HAS, AND OF COURSE  
10 AMONG THEM THIS IS ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY BUT ALSO SILICON  
11 BEACH, [INAUDIBLE] A STRONG AND THIRVING AGRICULTURAL FOOD  
12 INDUSTRY. AND I WOULD ALSO INVITE LOS ANGELES TO GO AND  
13 DISCOVER ALL THAT ITALY HAS TO OFFER, VIA TECHNOLOGY,  
14 AEROSPACE, MACHINERY, AND RENEWABLE ENERGIES BESIDES FOODS,  
15 FASHION AND THE SIGNS FOR WHICH IT HAS BEEN KNOWN ALREADY. MY  
16 OFFICE AND I ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO WORK TOGETHER WITH ALL THE  
17 AGENCIES OF THIS GREAT COUNTY AND PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO  
18 ALL ON US. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR ATTENTION. THANKS SO  
19 MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

20  
21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NOW, COLLEAGUES, WE ARE DELIGHTED TO HAVE  
22 THE OPPORTUNITY TO DECLARE TODAY NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION  
23 DAY AND WE DO SO WITH THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THOSE WHO ARE  
24 PARTICIPATING FROM THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER AND COUNTY CLERK'S  
25 OFFICE, OUR OWN DEAN LOGAN, REPRESENTATIVES AND THE DIRECTOR



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1 OF THE EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AT HOMEBOY INDUSTRIES AND THE DIRECTOR  
2 OF POLITICAL STUDENT ASSEMBLY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN  
3 CALIFORNIA. SO LET'S GIVE THEM ALL THREE A BIG ROUND OF  
4 APPLAUSE AND WELCOME THEM TO THE BOARDROOM TODAY. [APPLAUSE.]  
5 SO JENNY AND JOSE, WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT YOU ARE JOINING US.  
6 SO TODAY IS RECOGNIZED AS NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY  
7 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, AND WE WANT TO ENCOURAGE ELIGIBLE  
8 VOTERS TO REGISTER TO VOTE, TO EXERCISE THEIR DEMOCRATIC  
9 FRANCHISE, TO CHOOSE THEIR REPRESENTATION AND PARTICIPATE IN  
10 THE DECISIONS THAT SHAPE THE POLICIES OF THEIR GOVERNMENT. WE  
11 ALSO WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE SOME OF OUR PARTNERS WHO ADVOCATE FOR  
12 CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND STRIVE TO CLOSE THE REGISTRATION GAP.  
13 AGAIN HOMEBOY INDUSTRIES AND U.S.C. ARE HERE AS  
14 REPRESENTATIVES. WE HAVE HAD OTHERS IN THE PAST AND IN THE  
15 FUTURE YOU WILL HAVE VARIOUS GROUPS. WE'RE GOING TO TARGET  
16 COMMUNITY COLLEGES. WE'RE GOING TO BROADEN THIS BECAUSE THIS  
17 BOARD IS SERIOUS ABOUT VOTER REGISTRATION AND PARTICIPATION.  
18 YOU'LL NOTE THAT HOMEBOY INDUSTRIES WILL HOLD A VOTER  
19 REGISTRATION DRIVE AT HOMEGIRL CAFE, A FAMILIAR VENUE FOR MANY  
20 INDIVIDUALS TO LEARN ABOUT CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND THE VOTING  
21 PROCESS. AND THAT ALSO INCLUDES FORMALLY INCARCERATED  
22 INDIVIDUALS. IT SHOULD BE APPRECIATED THAT A PART OF RE-ENTRY  
23 IS TO EXERCISE CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY, AND WE WISH TO ENCOURAGE  
24 THAT. THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, THROUGH THE JESSE  
25 UNRUH INSTITUTE OF POLITICS FIRST HELD ON CAMPUS NATIONAL

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1 VOTER REGISTRATION DAY LAST YEAR AND WILL DO SO AGAIN THIS  
2 YEAR. AND WE CHALLENGE ALL OTHER INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER  
3 EDUCATION AT THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE LEVEL, AT THE PUBLIC SECTOR  
4 AS WELL AS PRIVATE COUNTERPARTS IN THAT SPACE TO DO SO, AS  
5 WELL. U.S.C.'S EVENT ENGAGED NUMEROUS STUDENTS AND  
6 ORGANIZATIONS AND FEATURED INFORMED SPEAKERS AND HAD  
7 ENTERTAINMENT LAST YEAR. AND APPROXIMATELY 400 NEW VOTERS WERE  
8 REGISTERED. AND THAT'S A GOOD THING. IN L.A. COUNTY, THERE IS  
9 SOMEWHERE IN THE AREA OF 1.2 MILLION ELIGIBLE VOTERS THAT HAVE  
10 NOT YET REGISTERED TO VOTE. I DID SAY 1.2 MILLION. VOTING IS A  
11 SIMPLE YET POWERFUL ACT AND WE NEED TO EXERCISE IT. THE  
12 ABILITY TO FREELY CAST A BALLOT AND VOTE IS A FUNDAMENTAL  
13 RIGHT, AND IT IS A HEALTHY EXPRESSION OF CIVIC LIFE. AND  
14 REGISTERING TO VOTE IS A PREREQUISITE TO EXERCISING THAT  
15 RIGHT. IF YOU DON'T VOTE ON TUESDAY, YOU FORFEIT YOUR RIGHT TO  
16 COMPLAIN ON WEDNESDAY. THIS BOARD AND OUR REGISTRAR-  
17 RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK, ALONG WITH THE PARTNERS WHO ARE HERE,  
18 AND OTHERS, ARE DEDICATED TO ENRICHING THE LIVES OF THE  
19 CITIZENRY OF THIS COUNTY, AND WE MUST MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO  
20 ENCOURAGE AND ASSIST TO REGISTER AND VOTE AND TO CLOSE THE  
21 REGISTRATION GAP. SO LET ME ENCOURAGE YOU TO VOTE TODAY AT  
22 WWW.LAVOTE.NET. SO NOW WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE DEAN LOGAN FOR  
23 THE GOOD WORK THAT HE AND HIS DEPARTMENT HAS DONE, IS DOING  
24 AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO, AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF NATIONAL VOTER  
25 REGISTRATION DAY. IT WILL BE A SUCCESS BECAUSE WE WILL

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1 PARTICIPATE AND MAKE IT SO. DEAN, COME ON AND HAVE A FEW  
2 WORDS. GIVE HIM A HAND. [APPLAUSE]

3

4 **DEAN LOGAN:** GOOD MORNING, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS  
5 AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. TODAY AS THE SUPERVISOR INDICATED,  
6 WE CELEBRATE NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY, NOT JUST HERE IN  
7 OUR COMMUNITY BUT THROUGHOUT THE STATE AND THROUGHOUT THE  
8 COUNTRY. TODAY WHAT WE'RE FOCUSING ON IS THE POWER OF THAT  
9 CREDENTIAL OF BEING A REGISTERED VOTER AND THAT CREDENTIAL  
10 THAT BRINGS US EQUALITY AND EQUITY. THAT IN THE ACT OF BEING A  
11 REGISTERED VOTER, WE ALL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR EQUAL  
12 INFLUENCE AND PARTICIPATION IN OUR ELECTIONS PROCESS. BUT WE  
13 ALSO RECOGNIZE TODAY, AGAIN AS THE SUPERVISOR INDICATED, THAT  
14 WE HAVE A LARGE NUMBER OF POTENTIAL VOTERS, POTENTIAL ENTRANTS  
15 TO THIS SYSTEM, THAT ARE NOT CURRENTLY ENROLLED. AND TODAY  
16 IT'S ABOUT MAKING SURE THAT THOSE WHO AREN'T REGISTERED KNOW  
17 HOW TO BE REGISTERED, THAT THEIR QUESTIONS ABOUT THEIR  
18 ELIGIBLE, THAT THEIR QUESTIONS ABOUT HOW THE PROCESS WORKS,  
19 THAT THOSE QUESTIONS GET ANSWERED SO WE TAKE THE NEXT STEP OF  
20 TURNING THOSE PEOPLE OUT TO VOTE IN OUR ELECTION. SO THERE'S A  
21 LOT OF PROMOTION RIGHT NOW, A LOT OF INTEREST STARTING TO FORM  
22 AROUND THE 2016 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION CYCLE. I WANT TO REMIND  
23 EVERYBODY THAT WE HAVE LOCAL ELECTIONS HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. IN  
24 NOVEMBER ABOUT 1/3 OF THE COUNTY WILL HAVE LOCALIZED  
25 ELECTIONS. SO AGAIN YOU CAN VOTE OUR WEBSITE AT L.A. VOTE.NET

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1 TO FIND OUT ABOUT THOSE ELECTIONS. WE HAD A GREAT KICKOFF  
2 EVENT THIS MORNING AT HOMEBOY INDUSTRIES, I WANT TO THANK OUR  
3 PARTNERS THERE. WE ARE GOING TO LEAVE FROM HERE TO GO TO AN  
4 EVENT AT U.S.C. LATER TODAY I'LL BE AT JORDAN HIGH SCHOOL IN  
5 LONG BEACH. AGAIN ACTIVITIES GOING ON ALL OVER OUR COMMUNITY  
6 TODAY. WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO KNOW, THE MESSAGE TODAY IS: HERE IN  
7 LOS ANGELES COUNTY WHAT'S UNIQUE IS WE'RE THE LARGEST COUNTY  
8 IN THE LARGEST STATE IN THE GREATEST NATION, WHICH MEANS WE  
9 HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE THE BROADEST IMPACT IN THE  
10 ELECTIONS PROCESS. BUT IT STARTS WITH BEING REGISTERED TO VOTE  
11 AND PARTICIPATING IN THE PROCESS. SO WE LOOK FORWARD TO  
12 WORKING WITH OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS AND TO BEING A RESOURCE TO  
13 THE COMMUNITY TO ENSURE THAT ALL ELIGIBLE VOTERS GET  
14 REGISTERED AND PARTICIPATE IN OUR ELECTIONS. THANK YOU.

15 [APPLAUSE.]

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NOW WE WILL PROCEED  
18 TO THE BUSINESS OF THE BOARD. AS YOU KNOW, THIS IS THE  
19 REGULARLY SCHEDULED DAY THAT WE HAVE PUBLIC HEARINGS. I WILL  
20 THEN TURN THE BALANCE OF THE MATTERS OVER TO THE EXECUTIVE  
21 OFFICER TO INDICATE WHAT HEARINGS WE WILL HAVE AND WE WILL  
22 DISPOSE OF THEM ACCORDINGLY. MS. URIBE.

23

24 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** ALL THOSE WHO PLAN  
25 TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE BOARD PLEASE STAND AND RAISE YOUR RIGHT

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1 HAND TO BE SWORN IN. IN THE TESTIMONY YOU MAY GIVE BEFORE THIS  
2 BOARD, DO YOU SOLEMNLY SWEAR TO TELL THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE  
3 TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH SO HELP YOU GOD?

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. FOR CLARIFICATION, THIS IS  
6 PERTAINING TO THE REGIONAL PLANNING PROCESS EXCLUSIVELY AT  
7 THIS POINT, ALL RIGHT? THANK YOU.

8

9 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** ITEM NO. 1 IS A  
10 HEARING ON THE ANNEXATION OF TERRITORIES LOCATED IN THE  
11 UNINCORPORATED AREA OF SOUTH WHITTIER AND VALENCIA. THERE IS A  
12 DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT ON THIS ITEM. NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS  
13 RECEIVED AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HAVE REQUESTED TO SPEAK ON  
14 THIS ITEM.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WE HAVE TWO PERSONS WHO WISH TO BE HEARD  
17 ON THIS AND WE WILL HEAR FROM THE DEPARTMENT INITIALLY AND WE  
18 WILL PROCEED FROM THERE. SIR?

19

20 **JIM CHONG:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS JAMES CHONG AND I'M THE  
21 HEAD OF STREET LIGHTING SECTION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
22 WORKS. I AM FAMILIAR WITH THESE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE ANNEXATION  
23 OF COUNTY LIGHTING AND MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1687 AND COUNTY  
24 LIGHTING DISTRICT L.L.A.-1 UNINCORPORATED ZONE IN THE LEVYING  
25 AND COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS FOR THE AREAS IDENTIFIED IN THE

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1 BOARD LETTER. IN MY OPINION, THE PROPOSED AREA WILL BE  
2 BENEFITED BY THE ANNEXATION AND THE SERVICE TO BE PROVIDED AND  
3 THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS HAVING SPREAD IN PROPORTION TO  
4 BENEFIT. WE ARE ALSO RECOMMENDING THAT YOUR BOARD ACCEPT THE  
5 NEGOTIATED EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES FOR THE NON-  
6 EXEMPT TAXING AGENCIES.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR PRESENTATION.  
9 WE'LL TURN NOW TO THOSE WHO WISH TO BE HEARD BY PUBLIC  
10 COMMENT, BOTH ERIC PREVEN AND ARNOLD SACHS, PLEASE COME  
11 FORWARD. MR. PREVEN, ARE YOU HERE? YOU WISH NOT TO BE HEARD ON  
12 ITEM 1? THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MR. SACHS, THIS IS ITEM 1 ON THE  
13 PUBLIC HEARING AND YOU WISH TO BE HEARD ON THIS ITEM?

14

15 **ARNOLD SACHS:** IT'S ABOUT ACTUALLY THE LEGALESE IN THIS. THE  
16 COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT AND THE COUNTY LIGHTING  
17 DISTRICT LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ACT. THEY'RE BOTH, IT SAYS  
18 HERE TAXING AGENCIES. SO I'M CURIOUS ABOUT THE LANDSCAPING  
19 THAT WOULD BE PROVIDED FOR THIS LIGHTING DISTRICT. I'M ALSO  
20 CURIOUS YOU HAVE IN HERE ANYTHING TO DO WITH SOLAR LIGHTING  
21 FOR THIS. IT IS THE LITERATURE. YOU'LL NOTICE ON YOUR GREEN  
22 SHEET TODAY AN ITEM THAT'S BEEN CONTINUED. THIS LANGUAGE  
23 STATES THAT IT'S ABOUT THE MINIMUM WAGE, THE UNINCORPORATED  
24 AREAS OF THE COUNTY BY AMENDING THE TITLE OF TITLE 8 TO READ  
25 "CONSUMER PROTECTION" AND THEN IT FURTHER GOES ON TO PROVIDE



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1 "ESTABLISH A MINIMUM WAGE FOR THE COUNTY." WELL, ESTABLISHING  
2 A MINIMUM WAGE FOR THE COUNTY IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF  
3 THE COUNTY ARE TWO DIFFERENT THINGS, SO I'M JUST WONDERING,  
4 THE SAME THING BEING SAID HERE, THE COUNTY LIGHTING  
5 MAINTENANCE DISTRICT AND THE COUNTY LIGHTING LANDSCAPING  
6 DISTRICT. AGAIN, WHAT KIND OF LANDSCAPING ARE THEY DOING FOR  
7 THE LIGHTS? DOESN'T MAKE SENSE. THAT RIGHT OF WAY PART OF IT,  
8 WHERE THESE LIGHTS WOULD BE LOCATED? ISN'T THAT THE  
9 RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PROPERTY OWNER TO MAINTAIN THAT? OR IS  
10 THIS WORK THAT'S DONE BY THESE PEOPLE THAT YOU HIRE BECAUSE IT  
11 WOULD BE LESS COSTLY TO HIRE OUTSIDE, WHAT IS IT? LAWN  
12 MAINTENANCE PEOPLE TO DO THAT. THAT'S MEDIAN WORK AND THAT'S  
13 NOT THE SAME AS THIS WORK. AGAIN IT COMES DOWN TO THE  
14 LEGALESE. WHAT WOULD THE PEOPLE ACTUALLY BE PAYING FOR AS FAR  
15 AS LANDSCAPING FOR LIGHTING? IT LOOKS LIKE A WAY FOR YOU TO  
16 GRAB SOME ASSESSMENT MONEY FOR A TAX.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.

19

20 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU, SIR.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** LET'S THEN NOW CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING ON  
23 THIS MATTER. AND MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER?

24

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1   **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** MR. CHAIR PRO TEM  
2   AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE AT THIS TIME  
3   TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING, DIRECT THE TABULATION OF BALLOTS  
4   AND TABLE THE ITEM UNTIL LATER IN THE MEETING FOR TABULATION  
5   RESULTS AND ACTION BY YOUR BOARD.

6

7   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SO MOVED. WITHOUT OBJECTION.

8

9   **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** ITEM NO. 2 IS A  
10   HEARING ON THE REVISIONS OF THE 2016 HOLLYWOOD BOWL SEASON  
11   MAXIMUM AND MINIMUM TICKET PRICE SCHEDULE PROPOSED BY THE LOS  
12   ANGELES PHILHARMONIC ASSOCIATION. THERE IS NO DEPARTMENTAL  
13   STATEMENT ON THIS ITEM, NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.  
14   MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISH TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

15

16   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THIS IS ITEM 2. WE CALL ON ARNOLD SACHS  
17   AND ERIC PREVEN.

18

19   **ERIC PREVEN:** YOU PREFER YOUR OWN CHAIR EVEN THOUGH YOU ARE THE  
20   CHAIR. THANK YOU. IT IS ERIC PREVEN, THE COUNTY RESIDENT FROM  
21   DISTRICT 3. THIS IS REGRETTABLY, I'M A LITTLE BIT UPSET EVEN  
22   THOUGH I'M TRYING TO KEEP MYSELF COMPOSED THE SEASONAL  
23   INCREASE IN PRICES AT OUR CHERISHED AND BELOVED HOLLYWOOD  
24   BOWL. I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL IS IN THE  
25   THIRD DISTRICT SO I'M VERY FAMILIAR WITH IT. IT IS ACROSS THE

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1 STREET FROM THE JOHN ANSON FORD THEATER. IT IS AS WE ALL KNOW  
2 FOR THE PUBLIC TO ENJOY. REGRETABLY WE ARE SEEING ONCE AGAIN 3  
3 PERCENT INCREASES ACROSS-THE-BOARD. 2.6 IS THE LOW. 3.4 IS THE  
4 HIGH. IT'S A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE. AND DON'T BE CONFUSED. THIS  
5 IS NOT THE ONLY INCREASE IN TICKET PRICES FOR ALL OF THIS  
6 PROGRAMMING, BUT THEY ALSO HAVE INCREASED ON AN EITHER ANNUAL  
7 OR EVERY OTHER ANNUAL BASIS A PARK-AND-RIDE FEATURE WHICH USED  
8 TO BE SO FOR \$20 YOU COULD BRING YOUR WHOLE FAMILY IN TO GET A  
9 SENSE AND PARK NEARBY FOR \$10. BUT THAT'S A LOT. NOW IT'S GONE  
10 OVER TO \$30 -- OR \$28. IT'S OUTRAGEOUS. THERE'S A MILLION  
11 DOLLARS LYING IN THE KITTY. WE HAVE SPENT SO MUCH MONEY  
12 UPGRADING THAT PLACE. DON'T GET ME WRONG. IT SHOULD BE  
13 UPGRADED AND KEPT NICE. BUT THE FOLKS IN L.A. COUNTY ARE  
14 INTENDED TO BE THE RECIPIENTS OF THIS AMENITY, NOT JUST THE  
15 GALA BENEFIT, FOLKS. I DON'T KNOW. IS ANYBODY ABLE TO STEP  
16 FORWARD? OBVIOUSLY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, NOBODY HAS DONE  
17 MORE, IF I MAY, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, THAN SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY  
18 FOR THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL. BUT YOU, MADAME PRESIDENT, ARE THE  
19 ONES WHO CAN HELP US HOLD THE LINE BECAUSE IT HAS GONE ON  
20 ENDLESSLY, THE RAISES, THE INCREASES IN PRICES. ASK YOUR  
21 CONSTITUENTS HOW MUCH IT IS TO GO TO THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL AND  
22 THEY WILL REPORT BACK IT IS TOO MUCH. THIS WILL YIELD BY THE  
23 WAY IN ADDITIONAL REVENUE, \$28,000. SO IS IT WORTH IT TO  
24 TORMENT YOUR ADORING CONSTITUENTS. NO, IT'S NOT. GIVE YOUR  
25 WORKERS A RAISE! THANK YOU, SIR. [APPLAUSE.]

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1

2   **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES THANK YOU. LOOK, HERE'S ZEV, AT THE  
3   HOLLYWOOD BOWL FROM LAST DECEMBER INTERVIEWING HOLLYWOOD BOWL.  
4   WE'VE HAD THIS DISCUSSION A FEW TIMES. AND IT'S THE  
5   PHILHARMONIC ASSOCIATION THAT IS RAISING THE PRICE. SO WHY IS  
6   THE CITY OF L.A. WITH ITS GREEK THEATER DEALING WITH TICKET  
7   AGENCIES? LIVE NATION, THEY HAD TWO CONTRACTS. THE PARKS  
8   DEPARTMENT HAD TWO CONTRACTS GO OUT. REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS.  
9   THEY HAD A BIG TO DO. THEY HAD TO REDO IT. THAT THE TICKET  
10   PROVIDERS, LIKE LIVE NATION AND I DON'T KNOW WHO THE OTHER ONE  
11   IS. THEY ARE MAYBE ASSOCIATED WITH A.E.S. OR A.E.G. OR WHOEVER  
12   IT IS, THEY WOULD PROVIDE THE UPGRADES. THEY WOULD PROVIDE THE  
13   REMODELING. INSTEAD, A.M.B. YOU'RE USING FUNDS FROM THE 1992  
14   AND '96 PARKS PROVISIONS TO REMODEL. THESE. THE ASSESSMENTS  
15   THAT YOU CREATE FROM EVERY NEIGHBORHOOD TO REMODEL THIS  
16   FACILITY THAT IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR USE BY EVERY NEIGHBORHOOD  
17   BECAUSE THEY CAN'T AFFORD IT, LOW INCOME NEIGHBORHOODS, EAST  
18   L.A. NEIGHBORHOODS, THE POOR DISTRICT NEIGHBORHOODS, SOUTH  
19   L.A. DISTRICTS THAT DON'T REALLY GET TO -- NECESSARILY GET UP  
20   TO THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL. WHEREAS THAT MONEY COULD BE USED FOR  
21   BEACHES AND PARKS IN THE NEIGHBORHOODS, THE \$23 ASSESSMENT  
22   THAT YOU COLLECT FROM EVERY PROPERTY. BUT YOU'RE USING IT  
23   HERE. AND A PRIVATE AGENCY IS COLLECTING THE FUNDS. IS THAT TO  
24   PAY THEIR PERFORMANCE? OR AREN'T THEY MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY

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1 ASSOCIATION OF EMPLOYEES IN SOME WAY? DON'T THEY HAVE THEIR  
2 SALARIES MANDATED BY THE COUNTY?

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.

5

6 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR ANSWERS. [APPLAUSE.]

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT, MA'AM -- LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,  
9 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I THINK IT SHOULD BE A REMINDER THAT THE  
10 PROTOCOL OF THE BOARD IS THAT WE DO NOT PERMIT APPLAUSE. IF IN  
11 FACT YOU WISH TO AFFIRM A SPEAKER'S REMARKS, WE SIMPLY ASK  
12 THAT YOU RAISE THE ROOF. [SINGING] "THIS IS HOW WE DO IT."  
13 [LAUGHTER.] OKAY, NOW, WE WILL PROCEED WITH THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT  
14 OF THE CHAIR RECOGNIZES SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL.

15

16 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR. I SIMPLY WANTED TO  
17 POINT OUT, BECAUSE IT'S EASY TO COME UP AND SAY THINGS,  
18 ALTHOUGH FOR THE HEARINGS EVERYBODY SWORE THAT THEY WERE GOING  
19 TO COME AND TELL THE TRUTH, SO THAT'S ALWAYS A VERY  
20 INTERESTING PROCEDURE. LET ME TELL YOU WHAT THE COST OF  
21 TICKETS IS THIS YEAR AND WHAT IT IS NEXT YEAR. WHAT WE  
22 ACTUALLY DID WITH THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL IS TO KEEP TICKETS THE  
23 SAME AT THE AFFORDABLE END AND FRANKLY JUST SOCK IT TO THE  
24 PEOPLE IN THE BOXES, IF I MAY SAY SO. THERE ARE ALWAYS \$1  
25 TICKETS TO THE BOWL AND THERE ALWAYS WILL BE. THAT WAS NOT

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1 RAISED. FOR THE CLASSICAL SERIES, THE \$8 TICKETS THIS YEAR ARE  
2 STILL \$8 NEXT YEAR. THE \$16 TICKETS ARE STILL \$16 NEXT YEAR.  
3 ET CETERA. THERE'S REALLY ZERO RAISES UNTIL YOU GET INTO THE  
4 \$30 TICKETS WHICH ARE NOW \$31. OR THE \$33 TICKETS WHICH ARE  
5 NOW \$34. AND IT'S THE SAME FOR THE JAZZ SERIES. IT'S THE SAME  
6 FOR THE SUNDAY WORLD MUSIC, AT THE AFFORDABLE END OF THE  
7 TICKETS, THEY DIDN'T GO UP. I ALSO WANTED TO POINT OUT IF I  
8 MAY, WE ARE GIVING OUR WORKERS A RAISE, THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU. MADAME EXECUTIVE  
11 OFFICER.

12

13 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** MR. CHAIR PRO TEM,  
14 AT THIS TIME IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC  
15 HEARING.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** PROPERLY MOVED AND SECONDED AND THAT WILL  
18 BE THE ORDER.

19

20 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** ON ITEM NO. 3,  
21 HEARING ON THE ROOFTOP PARKING LOT SOLAR PANEL PILOT PROJECT  
22 FOR 11 COUNTY FACILITIES, NO DEPARTMENTAL -- [INTERRUPTION].

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WE CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. AND WE ARE  
25 MOVING TO ITEM NUMBER 3. PROCEED PLEASE.



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1

2 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** ITEM NO. 3, HEARING  
3 ON THE ROOFTOP PARKING LOT SOLAR PANEL PILOT PROJECT FOR 11  
4 COUNTY FACILITIES. NO DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENTS. NO  
5 CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. BUT MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST  
6 TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. THERE IS NO PRESENTATION ON THE  
9 MATTER, THEREFORE WE MOVE TO PUBLIC COMMENT. AND THAT WOULD BE  
10 AGAIN ERIC PREVEN AND ARNOLD SACHS. PLEASE COME FORWARD.

11

12 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, SIR. IT IS ERIC PREVEN. I  
13 AM ALWAYS TRICKED TO LOOK TO THE CENTER THERE. YES, SO THIS IS  
14 INTERESTING. THIS IS A POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT PROPOSAL.  
15 WE'RE LOOKING AT THAT. AND THIS IS TO PUT SOLAR PANELS, IF I  
16 HAVE IT CORRECT, ON TOP OF ABOUT 11 COUNTY FACILITIES TO SEE  
17 HOW IT GOES. AND THOUGH I APPRECIATE IT AND I THINK IT'S A  
18 GOOD AREA BECAUSE I THINK EVERYBODY LOVES SOLAR, THERE WERE  
19 EIGHT VENDORS WHO ATTENDED THE PROPOSERS CONFERENCE. AND THEN  
20 THERE WERE SORT OF THE BIGGER BUSINESS ONES AND THE SMALLER  
21 BUSINESS ONES. AND THERE WERE NO PROPOSALS SUBMITTED FOR THE  
22 SMALLER INSTALLATIONS. AND I WAS HOPING SUPERVISOR SOLIS WAS  
23 HERE BECAUSE I WANTED TO TALK ABOUT WHEN WE DRAW R.F.P.S, A  
24 SKILLFUL R.F.P. CAN EXCLUDE THE POSSIBILITY THAT SMALL  
25 BUSINESSES WILL EVEN BE INTERESTED IN LOOKING AT SUCH A

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1 PROPOSAL. NOW, FOR THIS PARTICULAR ONE, WE DID GET SEVERAL  
2 LARGER INSTALLATION BIDDERS AND WE ARE IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH  
3 I.S.D. WITH THE HIGHEST RANKED PROPOSER. I'M NOT 100 PERCENT  
4 SURE IF THAT MEANS THEY HAVE THE BEST PRICE, BUT I THOUGHT IF  
5 WE'RE GOING TO DO 11 OF THEM, WHY WOULDN'T WE WANT TO TRY A  
6 LITTLE PILOT PROGRAM WITH 1, 2 OR 3 OF THEM, EVEN IF THEY'RE  
7 NOT EXACTLY THE SAME PRICE, THEN WE COULD SEE WHO PROVIDES  
8 QUALITY SERVICE, WHO PROVIDES COMPETITIVE PRICING AND WHO  
9 PROVIDES A PRODUCT THAT IS BOTH AFFORDABLE BUT ALSO EFFECTIVE  
10 FOR THE COUNTY BECAUSE THIS ONE IS SETTING UP, IT LOOKS LIKE,  
11 IT'S PRIMING THE PUMP FOR A BIG MOVE INTO ALL THE SOLAR FOR  
12 ALL THE COUNTY. I COULD BE WRONG BECAUSE THIS IS NOT MY AREA  
13 OF EXPERTISE. BUT I WOULD ASK THAT YOU THINK ABOUT IT AND  
14 THINK ABOUT THE WAY THESE R.F.P.S ARE DRAWN IF THE SMALL  
15 BUSINESS COMPONENT ATTRACTS ZERO BIDDERS. BECAUSE THERE'S A  
16 LOT OF PEOPLE CALLING MY HOUSE ASKING "HEY, ARE YOU READY FOR  
17 SOLAR?" SO I DON'T GET IT. THANK YOU.

18

19 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU GOOD MORNING, AGAIN, ARNOLD SACHS  
20 AND IT IS SOMEWHAT FASCINATING WHEN PEOPLE COME UP HERE TO  
21 SWEAR TO TELL THE TRUTH. I BELIEVE AS ELECTED OFFICIALS,  
22 YOU'RE SWORN TO UPHOLD THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF  
23 CALIFORNIA AND THE LAWS THAT ARE PROVIDED WITHIN THAT, TOO,  
24 MISS KUEHL. SO DON'T BE SO SWARMY ABOUT WHAT'S SAID ON THIS  
25 SIDE WHEN YOU CAN COME UP THERE AND LIE-

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1

2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. SACHS, WE WILL NOT TOLERATE AN  
3 EXCHANGE WITH MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. I'M TELLING YOU NOW. YOU  
4 CAN STAY ON THE SUBJECT AT HAND OR YOU CAN RELINQUISH YOUR  
5 SEAT. THEN STAY ON POINT.

6

7 **ARNOLD SACHS:** GIVE ME MY TIME BACK.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YOU'VE EXHAUSTED IT.

10

11 **ARNOLD SACHS:** ALL RIGHT. SO LET'S TALK ABOUT SOLAR. SO YOU  
12 HAVE AN ITEM ON THE PALMDALE ANIMAL CARE CENTER. IS THAT  
13 HAVING SOLAR PANELING PUT IN IT LIKE L-E-E-E-E-E-E-D? HOW  
14 ABOUT THE M.L.K. HOSPITAL? DID THAT HAVE SOLAR PANELING DONE  
15 TO IT? HOW ABOUT RANCHO LOS AMIGOS THAT'S REMODELING. IS THAT  
16 HAVING SOLAR PANELING DONE TO IT, SUPERVISOR KNABE? HOW ABOUT  
17 THE RENOVATED JUSTICE BUILDING RIGHT ACROSS THE STREET? DOES  
18 THAT HAVE SOLAR PANELING DONE WITH IT? HOW ARE THESE 11  
19 BUILDINGS CHOSEN? I MEAN IT'S NOT LIKE SOLAR PANELING HASN'T  
20 BEEN AROUND FOR A LITTLE WHILE. IF YOU ACTUALLY PAY ATTENTION  
21 TO SOME OF THE THINGS THAT GO ON THROUGH THE STATE OF  
22 CALIFORNIA, YOU'LL NOTICE THAT SOLAR PANELING HAS BEEN AROUND  
23 FOR A WHILE. AS A MATTER OF FACT, IT WAS A BIG DEAL WITH A  
24 COMPANY THAT WENT BELLY UP THAT THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED  
25 STATES PUT IN LIKE \$300 MILLION WORTH.

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1

2 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. CHAIR, IT'S OFF TOPIC.

3

4 **ARNOLD SACHS:** IT'S SOLAR PANELING, SIR. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT  
5 SOLAR PANELING.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** I KNOW WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT. HOPE YOU DO.

8

9 **ARNOLD SACHS:** SO IF YOU WERE PAYING ATTENTION, THIS WOULDN'T  
10 BE COMING UP ON THE AGENDA IN 2015, IT MIGHT HAVE COME UP ON  
11 THE AGENDA MAYBE IN 2010 WHEN SOLAR PANELING WAS A BIG PUSH. I  
12 KNOW, IT'S KIND OF LIKE THE WATER CONSERVATION. EVERYBODY ELSE  
13 CAN DO IT EXCEPT THE BOARD.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED, THANK YOU. MADAME  
16 EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

17

18 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** MR. CHAIR PRO TEM,  
19 AT THIS TIME IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC  
20 HEARING.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SO ORDERED. THANK YOU, MR. KNABE. THE  
23 BALAANCE THAT IS BEFORE US AT THIS POINT, MADAME EXECUTIVE  
24 OFFICER?

25

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1   **SUP. KNABE:** I MOVE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND MOVE THE  
2   ITEM.

3

4   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. PURSUANT TO THE BALANCE NEEDING  
5   TO BE TABULATED. THEN MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE, SECONDED BY  
6   SUPERVISOR KUEHL. I BELIEVE WE ARE IN ORDER. PLEASE RECORD A  
7   UNANIMOUS VOTE. ALL RIGHT. WE'RE GOING TO MOVE TO THOSE WHO  
8   WISH TO BE HEARD BY -- WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE CONSENT.  
9   WE NOTE THE NAME OF ERIC PREVEN WHO HAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO  
10   SPEAK ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS. 10, 11, 15, 17, 18, 19, 24, 25,  
11   26, 27 AND 28. MR. PREVEN, IF YOU WOULD COME FORWARD. FOLLOWED  
12   BY MR. SACHS, WHO WILL BE PERMITTED TO SPEAK TO 10, 17 AND 24  
13   AND 28. MR. SACHS, PLEASE COME FORWARD. ANDREW DOUGLAS, IF  
14   YOU'D COME FORWARD, YOU HAVE ASKED TO SPEAK ON ITEM NO. 17, IN  
15   THAT ORDER, GENTLEMEN, IF THE THREE OF YOU WOULD COME FORWARD,  
16   WE'D APPRECIATE IT. MR. PREVEN.

17

18   **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU, SIR. ITS ERIC PREVEN, A RESIDENT FROM  
19   COUNTY DISTRICT 3. I HAD ASKED THE C.E.O. TO CLARIFY AND I  
20   ASKED THE COUNTY COUNSEL WHAT AN UPGRADE FROM AN R-17 TO AN R-  
21   18 CONSTITUTES IN TERMS OF THE RANGE? IS IT REALLY A \$589,000  
22   RANGE? BECAUSE I HAVE ASKED AND THEY HAVE NOT RESPONDED. THAT  
23   IS AN ASTONISHING PRICE RANGE FOR THE CHILD PROTECTION PERSON.  
24   THAT MUST BE WRONG. COULD WE GET THE CORRECT INFORMATION,  
25   C.E.O. HAMAI ON THAT? ITEM NO. 24 LOOKS LIKE A GOOD DEAL. IT'S

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1 A MILLION BUCKS TO A COMPANY TO TAKE ALL THE DEAD ANIMALS FROM  
2 THE COUNTY FACILITIES WHERE WE HAVE THOSE NEEDS. IT IS A  
3 PAINFUL THOUGHT WHEN YOU LOSE AN ANIMAL. AND IT SEEMS LIKE THE  
4 COUNTY DIRECTOR OF ANIMAL CONTROL SAID IT'S ABOUT \$10 IF YOU  
5 BRING THEM TO THE COUNTY, THEY'LL TAKE YOUR LOVED ONE. IT'S  
6 JUST VERY SAD. BUT IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S A GOOD DEAL BECAUSE IT'S  
7 SIX CENTERS PLUS PALMDALE. ITEM NO. 18 IS SUPERVISOR KUEHL HAS  
8 GENEROUSLY DONATED ABOUT \$3,000. AND IS REFERENCING THAT THE  
9 SPONSOR CURRENTLY IS ZOE INTERNATIONAL. I DON'T KNOW THE  
10 GROUP. THIS IS FOR A CELEBRATION OUT AT A PARK IN THE PARK  
11 DISTRICT. BUT THE PREVIOUS COUPLE WEEKS AGO THERE WAS AN  
12 \$187,000 GRANT AND THE SPONSOR WAS NOT IDENTIFIED. SO IF JOEL  
13 BELLMAN COULD MAKE THAT AVAILABLE FOR THE MEDIA, WE'D LIKE TO  
14 KNOW WHO IS THE SPONSOR OF THE BIG MALIBU TRIATHLON. ITEM  
15 NUMBER 17 IS THE URBAN AGRICULTURAL ZONES WHICH IS NOT  
16 EXCLUSIVELY POT GROWERS. I LIKE THAT. BECAUSE I THINK IT  
17 BRINGS COMMUNITIES A KIND OF A USEFUL THING SO THANK YOU FOR  
18 THAT. THERE ARE SEVERAL SHERIFF ITEMS THAT REQUIRE SOME  
19 UNDERSTANDING. ONE IS ITEM 27, THE SHERIFF IS ENTERTAINING THE  
20 CITY MANAGERS AND IT'S THE FIRST TIME. SO HE'S ROLLING OUT THE  
21 RED CARPET. IT'S A \$60,000 PARTY AS OPPOSED TO A \$35,000 PARTY  
22 FROM LAST COUPLE YEARS WHICH IS REALLY IMPRESSIVE. ITEM NO. 26  
23 I'M AGAINST BECAUSE IT'S THE D.E.A. THOUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF  
24 DRUG ENFORCEMENT IF THAT'S WHAT IT'S CALLED HAS AN IMPORTANT  
25 CHARGE, GIVING \$300,000 TO OUR GUYS IS NOT APPROPRIATE. I'D



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1 RATHER PUT IT INTO GROWING STUFF IN THE DISTRICTS THAT NEED  
2 THAT KIND OF HELP. ITEM NO. 25 IS THE SELECTIVE ENFORCEMENT.  
3 BELIEVE IT OR NOT THE SELECTIVE SEATBELT ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM.  
4 NOW, NOBODY WANTS DRUNK DRIVERS ON THE ROAD. WE'VE ALL  
5 EXPERIENCED THE LOSS IN VARIOUS PARTS OF OUR COMMUNITY THERE.  
6 BUT I HAVE, YOU KNOW, I HAVE SOME QUESTIONS AS TO WHETHER OR  
7 NOT THESE ARE THE BEST WAYS TO PULL EVERYBODY OVER. WHAT ABOUT  
8 MORE INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS LIKE, FOR EXAMPLE, TRAINING PEOPLE IN  
9 THE COMMUNITIES TO TAKE KEYS FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE LOADED. THAT  
10 WOULD SAVE A LOT MORE LIVES AND WOULD NOT INCONVENIENCE TONS  
11 OF PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT DRINKING AND HAVE A WEIRD LIKE "HEY  
12 WE'RE LOOKING AT YOUR BEAT SET BUT THAT'S REALLY NOT WHAT  
13 WE'RE DOING. WE JUST WANT TO KNOW IF YOU'VE BEEN CRYING OR  
14 WHAT'S GOING ON." I DON'T LIKE IT. ITEM NUMBER 19, LACERA,  
15 KUDOS, HAD AN ELECTION. NO CHALLENGER, BUT ONE PART OF IT I  
16 THINK THE INVESTMENT BOARD PERSON WON, AND THEY HAD ABOUT  
17 10,000 OR 8,000 VOTERS. THAT'S IMPRESSIVE IN C.D.2 OF LOS  
18 ANGELES WEE ONLY HAD 11,000. SO THE GREAT COUNTY WORKERS ARE A  
19 POWERFUL FORCE, AND LACERA MUST BE A COUPLE HUNDRED THOUSAND  
20 STRONG. I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.

23

24 **ERIC PREVEN:** YOU'RE WELCOME, SIR.

25

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1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. SACHS.

2

3    **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING, ARNOLD SACHS AND I DID  
4    HOLD ITEM NO. 10. THIS IS SOMETHING SUPERVISOR KNABE  
5    SUBMITTED. PART OF IT SAID SOMETHING ABOUT RESIDENTS. AND THEN  
6    IT GOES ON TO SMALL BUSINESSES. SO ARE THESE RESIDENTS OPENING  
7    SMALL BUSINESSES IN THEIR HOMES? OR ARE THEY SMALL BUSINESSES?  
8    BUT IT MENTIONS SOMETHING ABOUT A SMALL BUSINESS CONCIERGE. ON  
9    THE THIRD PARAGRAPH. COMPREHENSIVE MARKETING STRATEGY TO  
10    INFORM THE SMALL BUSINESS COMMUNITY OF THE EXISTENCE OF THE  
11    SMALL BUSINESS CONCIERGE. DOWN AT THE BOTTOM IT STATES, AN  
12    UPDATE ON THE TRANSFER TO THE OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS, BLAH,  
13    BLAH, BLAH, AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SMALL BUSINESS  
14    CONCIERGE. WELL IF YOU HAVEN'T ESTABLISHED A SMALL BUSINESS  
15    CONCIERGE, HOW ARE YOU GOING TO GO ABOUT MARKING IT? MAKES  
16    SENSE TO ESTABLISH IT FIRST BEFORE YOU MARKET IT. I HELD ITEM  
17    17 AND ALSO THE AGRICULTURAL INCENTIVE ZONE PROGRAM. BUT IT  
18    DIDN'T REALLY SAY ANYTHING ABOUT AN INCENTIVE. I WAS THINKING  
19    ABOUT WHEN YOU DID THE DISNEY PROPERTY REZONING, NOW THAT WAS  
20    AN INCENTIVE. BECAUSE THE PROPERTY WAS ZONED FLOOD CONTROL,  
21    WHICH MEANS THEY PAID VERY LITTLE IN TAXES, TO BUILDING,  
22    COMMERCIAL, AFTER 20 YEARS. THAT'S AN INCENTIVE. HAVE THEM  
23    CHANGE THE PROPERTY ZONING SO THEY DON'T HAVE TO PAY TAXES ON  
24    IT AND GET SOME MONEY BACK THAT WAY. I HELD NO. 24, AGAIN WITH  
25    THE ANIMAL SHELTERS, YOU HAD THIS REPORT DUE FROM A.E.COM THAT

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1 TOOK FOUR YEARS. IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE DUE IN 2016, A FOUR-  
2 YEAR REPORT ON ANIMAL SHELTERS. YOU ONLY DID EIGHT MONTHS ON  
3 THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH. BUT I WAS  
4 WONDERING WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH THAT? WHEN ARE YOU COMING UP  
5 WITH THAT? WHEN IS THAT REPORT? WHY DON'T YOU GET SOME  
6 INFORMATION ON THAT? AND THEN ITEM 28 REFERS TO SALARY CHANGE  
7 TO CLASSIFICATIONS FOR NONREPRESENTATIVE EMPLOYEES. YOU  
8 UNDERSTAND WHAT THAT IS. THAT'S PAY RAISES. YOU DON'T HAVE ANY  
9 MONEY. YOU DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY TO PAY THE IN-HOME HEALTHCARE  
10 WORKERS THE LIVING WAGE AND NOW YOU DON'T HAVE MONEY -- THAT'S  
11 AN EXEMPTION FOR THEM. ISN'T THAT AN EXEMPTION FOR THE COUNTY?  
12 OH, THE COUNTY'S NOT PAYING THEM. SO I'M WONDERING IF THE  
13 SMALL BUSINESSES CAN KIND OF LIKE DO THE SAME THING AND COME  
14 UP WITH A -- LIKE A COMMISSION TO PAY THEIR EMPLOYEES LIKE THE  
15 COUNTY DOES TO PAY THE IN-HOME HEALTHCARE WORKERS THE \$15--  
16 WELL THEY'RE NOT GOING TO GET \$15 MAXED OUT. THEY'LL ONLY GET,  
17 WHAT? 12? SO WHEN EVERYBODY ELSE IS MAKING 15, THEY WILL BE  
18 MAKING 12. BUT HERE ON THIS LETTER FROM ABOUT LOS ANGELES  
19 COUNTY, IT STATES THE 2010-'11 FISCAL FINAL ADOPTED BUDGET IS  
20 APPROXIMATELY 24.2 BILLION. THIS YEAR'S BUDGET IS 27 BILLION,  
21 ALMOST 28 BILLION. THAT 27? SO WHERE DID \$3 BILLION GO? SO  
22 THESE SALARY ADJUSTMENTS, THOSE ARE PAY RAISES FOR THESE  
23 NONREPRESENTED EMPLOYEES. WHERE'D YOU GET THE MONEY FROM? I  
24 KNOW YOU'RE GOING TO ANSWER, NO, I'M OUT OF TIME, DARN.  
25 [LAUGHTER.]

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1

2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANKS VERY MUCH. WE WILL MOVE TO ITEM NO.

5 17 WHICH IS AN ITEM WHERE SEVERAL PERSONS WERE INTERESTED IN

6 SPEAKING, ARE INTERESTED IN SPEAKING, THEY ARE AS FOLLOWS. I

7 THINK I HAVE ANDREW DOUGLAS FOLLOWED BY LUKE IPPPOLITI, JOHN

8 HOWLAND. DAVID KING. IF YOU ALL WOULD COME FORWARD. REZA

9 SUMADI. MATTHEW VAN DIEPEN, NATALIE FLORES. BRIANNA HOCKINS.

10 AND CYNTHIA HUBACH. THE LAST SPEAKER ON THIS ITEM WILL BE

11 FRANCESCA DELAROSA. IN THAT ORDER. PLEASE PROCEED.

12

13 **ANDREW DOUGLAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

14 THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO THE BOARD FOR HEARING THIS ITEM. MY

15 NAME IS ANDREW DOUGLAS. I AM A CONSULTANT WITH NONPROFITS. I

16 OFTEN WORK AT THE INTERSECTION OF ADVOCACY AND POLICY, BUT

17 URBAN AGRICULTURE IS ALSO SOMETHING THAT I'M VERY PASSIONATE

18 ABOUT AND HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH GROWING FOOD IN EACH ONE OF

19 THE PRESENT SUPERVISORS' DISTRICTS. IN SUPERVISOR KUEHL'S

20 DISTRICT I'VE GROWN FOOD AT THE WEST LOS ANGELES HOME FOR

21 VETERANS. AND SUPERVISOR KNABE'S DISTRICT I'M CURRENTLY

22 WORKING WITH U.S.C. OUT AT THE WRIGLEY INSTITUTE OUT AT

23 CATALINA ISLAND. HERE ON THE HOME FRONT, I'VE BEEN GROWING

24 FOOD WITH U.S.C. STUDENTS, AS WELL, IN YOUR DISTRICT,

25 SUPERVISOR THOMAS, AS WELL AS OTHERS. THE GREAT THING ABOUT

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1 THIS URBAN AGRICULTURAL INCENTIVE ZONE ACT IS THAT IT REALLY  
2 ADDRESSES TWO PROMINENT THINGS, WHICH ARE THAT AS LONG AS  
3 THERE WILL ALWAYS BE VACANT PARCELS OF LAND THAT THE FREE  
4 MARKET LEAVES BEHIND AND THERE WILL ALWAYS BE STOMACHS THAT  
5 THE FREE MARKET LEAVES BEHIND. THIS FUSES THOSE TWO THINGS IN  
6 A VERY CREATIVE WAY, I THINK. IT'S PASSED THE STATE SENATE  
7 UNANIMOUSLY. THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF RIGOR PUT INTO IT. THERE IS  
8 ONE THING I THINK ABOUT IT THAT WAS FASCINATING IS THAT WE  
9 SPENT A LOT OF TIME NEGATING DISINCENTIVES. THIS IS A NEW  
10 INCENTIVE FOR SOMETHING IN A WORLD WHERE THERE IS NOT A LOT  
11 FOR THIS SORT OF THING. I JUST WANT TO BE CAREFUL AND I THINK  
12 WE SHOULD BE VIGILANT, PERHAPS, THAT WE DON'T PILE UP TOO MUCH  
13 OF RED TAPE, ET CETERA, ET CETERA, WITH THIS INCENTIVE TURNING  
14 WHAT'S INTENDED TO BE AN INCENTIVE INTO A DISINCENTIVE FOR  
15 FOLKS THAT JUST WANT TO GO OUT THERE AND GROW FOOD FOR THEIR  
16 COMMUNITY. I APPRECIATE YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION. THANK YOU  
17 VERY MUCH.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. WE'LL TAKE  
20 THE NEXT SPEAKER. SIR?

21

22 **LUKE IPPOLITI:** YEAH, THANK YOU. I'D ALSO LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU  
23 TO THE SUPERVISORS FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF A.B.551. MY NAME  
24 IS LUKE IPPOLITI. I'M THE FOOD JUSTICE AND SUSTAINABILITY  
25 DIRECTOR OF AN ORGANIZATION BY THE NAME OF MEND, WHICH STANDS

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1 FOR MEET EACH NEED WITH DIGNITY, LOCATED IN PACOIMA. WE ARE A  
2 MULTI-SERVICE POVERTY RELIEF ORGANIZATION PROVIDING FOOD,  
3 CLOTHING, MEDICAL, DENTAL, EDUCATION AND TRAINING SERVICES TO  
4 OVER 30,000 LOW-INCOME INDIVIDUALS EVERY SINGLE MONTH. A.B.551  
5 IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THERE TO BE GREATER EQUITY FOR THE LOW-  
6 INCOME FAMILIES THAT WE SERVE. THERE ARE THE SECOND HIGHEST  
7 INCIDENCES OF DIABETES AND OBESITY IN PACOIMA. THERE IS A FOOD  
8 INSECURITY RATE OF 23 PERCENT. THERE'S A POVERTY RATE OF 20  
9 PERCENT. THE INTERSECTION OF ALL OF THOSE NEEDS IS THAT THEY  
10 CAN BE ADDRESSED THROUGH GREATER ACCESS TO FRESH FRUITS AND  
11 VEGETABLES. AS A FOOD BANK THAT SERVES OVER 25,000 PEOPLE  
12 EVERY SINGLE MONTH, WE SEE THAT NEED DAY IN AND DAY OUT. BUT  
13 IN ADDITION TO THE SCARCITY THAT EXISTS, THERE'S ALSO A GREAT  
14 OPPORTUNITY. GIVEN THE POPULATION THAT WE WORK WITH, THERE IS  
15 AN ABUNDANCE OF KNOWLEDGE AROUND AGRICULTURE AND THERE IS AN  
16 ABUNDANCE OF VACANT LAND. SO A.B.551 IS THIS CONNECTION  
17 BETWEEN THESE ABUNDANCES OF AGRICULTURAL KNOWLEDGE AND LAND  
18 THAT CAN BE HARNESSED FOR GREATER EQUITY, FOR GREATER FOOD  
19 SECURITY AND FOR IMPROVED HEALTH. SO I HOPE THAT YOU ALL WILL  
20 VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE TO MOVE A.B.551 FORWARD AND BE  
21 SUPPORTERS AND CHAMPIONS OF THIS IN THE COMING MONTHS AND  
22 YEARS AS IT GETS IMPLEMENTED AND TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS  
23 INCENTIVE IS AVAILABLE AND ACCESSIBLE TO THOSE MOST IN NEED.  
24

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1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY AND WE'LL  
2    TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER. SIR?

3

4    **DAVID KING:** MY NAME IS DAVID KING, I'M AT THE FOUNDING CHAIR  
5    OF THE SEED LIBRARY OF LOS ANGELES. AND FIRST OF ALL I WANT TO  
6    COMPLIMENT THE STAFF AND THE BOARD FOR THEIR EXTREME PATIENCE.  
7    I DON'T KNOW IF I COULD DO THAT. I'D LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR  
8    RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR HIS LEADERSHIP IN THIS MATTER CONCERNING  
9    A.B. 551. YOU KNOW, OF COURSE, LOS ANGELES WAS THE FIRST  
10   COUNTY TO EXPORT VEGETABLES BACK EAST. IT WAS THE FIRST COUNTY  
11   TO EXPORT WINE BACK EAST. IT WAS THE FIRST COUNTY TO EXPORT  
12   CITRUS FRUITS BACK EAST. SO WE HAVE A LARGE AND WONDERFUL  
13   AGRICULTURAL TRADITION IN THIS COUNTY. A.B.551 WOULD ADDRESS  
14   MANY ISSUES THAT ARE EXTANT IN MANY PARTS OF THE UNITED  
15   STATES, BUT SPECIFICALLY IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THE MEASURE  
16   WOULD PROVIDE US WITH AN ECONOMIC BOON AS FAR AS EMPLOYMENT  
17   FOR YOUTH AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE HAVING TROUBLE  
18   FINDING WORK. IT WOULD ALSO CREATE FRUITS AND VEGETABLES THAT  
19   ARE MARKETING LOCALLY FROM A LOCAL GROWER, IN ADDITION TO WHICH  
20   IT WOULD HAVE THE VIRTUE OF UTILIZING OUR WONDERFUL SOILS AND  
21   OUR CLIMATE FOR GROWING FRUITS AND VEGETABLES. THE AVERAGE  
22   ITEM ON THE SHELF OF THE SUPERMARKET TRAVELS OVER 2,000 MILES  
23   TO MAKE IT TO THAT MARKET. THIS WOULD REDUCE THE ECOLOGICAL  
24   DESTRUCTION FROM VEHICLES AND EXHAUST AND USE OF FOSSIL FUELS  
25   DOWN TO A MINIMUM BECAUSE THE FOOD WOULD BE GROWN RIGHT THERE



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1 ACROSS THE STREET OR NEAR THE MARKET. YOU WOULD FIND ALSO THAT  
2 THE NUTRITION LEVEL GOES UP WITH FRESHER FOOD. SO THIS IS A  
3 WIN/WIN CONSISTENTLY THROUGH OUT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. WE'LL  
6 TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. AND LET'S RE-LOAD THE QUEUE.  
7 THANK YOU.

8

9 **MATTHEW VAN DIEPEN:** OUR TRUSTED BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THANK  
10 YOU FOR HEARING US TODAY IN OUR QUEST FOR A MORE SUSTAINABLE  
11 AND JUST FOOD SYSTEM. I'M AN URBAN FARMER AND FOOD EDUCATOR.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YOUR NAME IS?

14

15 **MATTHEW VAN DIEPEN:** MY NAME IS MATTHEW VAN DIEPEN. AND FOUR  
16 YEARS AGO I STARTED A BUSINESS CALLED HOME GROWN GARDENS.  
17 SINCE BECOMING INVOLVED WITH URBAN AGRICULTURE IN LOS ANGELES,  
18 I HAVE SEEN GREAT NEED AND DESIRE FOR LOCAL, HEALTHFUL FOOD.  
19 OVER THE YEARS, I'VE SEEN THIS TREND STEADILY GROW. AT THIS  
20 MOMENT, I BELIEVE OUR CITY IS IN A UNIQUE POSITION TO FOSTER  
21 THIS BURGEONING CITY-WIDE MOVEMENT THAT HAS THE POTENTIAL OF  
22 CREATING AN URBAN OASIS OF HEALTH IN A NATION PLAGUED WITH  
23 CHRONIC DISEASE AND CHRONIC DEBILITATING DISEASES. I ALONG  
24 WITH A HOST OF OTHERS HERE TODAY ARE READY TO TURN THE  
25 BLIGHTED AREAS OF OUR CITY INTO HUBS OF LIFE THAT WILL FOSTER

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1 NATURE, COMMUNITY AND THE ECONOMY THROUGH COMMUNITY GARDENS  
2 AND PRODUCTION FARMS. WE ARE GROWING FOOD IN OUR  
3 NEIGHBORHOODS. WE ARE ALREADY GROWING FOOD IN OUR  
4 NEIGHBORHOODS FOR FARMERS' MARKETS, FOR RESTAURANTS, FOOD  
5 BANKS AND SHELTERS WITH ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE AND INCENTIVIZED  
6 LAND, A TRULY LOCAL JUST AND SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEM BECOMES A  
7 REALITY IN OUR GREAT CITY. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. WE'LL TAKE  
10 THE NEXT SPEAKER.

11

12 **REZA SAMADI:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME'S  
13 REZA SAMADI. RIGHT NOW I'M AN ENTREPRENEUR AND A BUSINESS  
14 CONSULTANT. I'VE BEEN IN THE FOOD AND BEVERAGE INDUSTRY AND  
15 AROUND SUSTAINABILITY FOR THE LAST 10 YEARS. THERE'S A NEED  
16 FOR MORE LOCALLY GROWN NUTRITIOUS ORGANIC FOOD. IT ADDRESSES A  
17 NUMBER OF DIFFERENT PROBLEMS. AND THIS BILL, THIS PROGRAM WILL  
18 IS AN EXAMPLE OF HOW GOVERNMENT PRIVATE ENTERPRISE AND  
19 COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS CAN ACTUALLY BAND TOGETHER TO PROVIDE  
20 SOLUTIONS TO BOTH THE MAJOR PROBLEMS. AND THE MAJOR PROBLEMS  
21 ARE, ONE, JOBS AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES AND, TWO, HEALTH,  
22 NUTRITION AND ACCESS TO FOOD. UNFORTUNATELY, EVEN IN THIS  
23 GREAT CITY LIKE LOS ANGELES IS HUGE AREAS OF FOOD DESERTS  
24 WHERE PEOPLE DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO NUTRITIOUS FOOD. AND THOSE  
25 FUNNY ENOUGH OFTEN COME SIDE BY SIDE WITH THE LACK OF JOBS.

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1 WHAT THIS PROGRAM GIVES US THE OPPORTUNITY FOR IS TO, YOU  
2 KNOW, START BUSINESSES TO ADDRESS BOTH PROBLEMS. I THINK IT'S  
3 REALLY ABOUT THE ECONOMICS. YOU'D HAVE MORE OPPORTUNITY TO  
4 GROW FOOD MEANS MORE FOOD WHICH MEANS REDUCED COST OF FOOD.  
5 AND ALONGSIDE THAT, MORE OPPORTUNITY TO FEED PEOPLE AND  
6 PROVIDE JOBS IN NEEDED COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. WE'LL TAKE  
9 THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

10

11 **JOHN HOWLAND:** GOOD MORNING, I'M JOHN HOWLAND, WITH THE CENTRAL  
12 CITY ASSOCIATION. I PUT A CARD IN ON NUMBER 10 WAS TOLD TO  
13 PROCEED, ANYWAY. SO WE'LL TAKE A BREAK FROM URBAN FARMING AND  
14 GET TO SMALL BUSINESS CONCIERGES. C.C.A. SUPPORTS SUPERVISOR  
15 KNABE'S MOTION TO CREATE A SMALL BUSINESS CONCIERGE SERVICE  
16 AND TO REQUIRE THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO WORK WITH THE  
17 CONCIERGE TO PROVIDE A CENTRALIZED EXPERIENCE FOR SMALL  
18 BUSINESSES THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY. THOSE OF US WHO WORK IN  
19 GOVERNMENT, AROUND GOVERNMENT OR WITH GOVERNMENT OFTEN FORGET  
20 HOW BYZANTINE IT CAN BE. WE'RE USED TO THE CONVOLUTED  
21 PROCESSES AND FIGURED OUT WAYS TO WORK WITHIN THEM. BUT  
22 SOMEBODY'S WHO'S WILLING TO INVEST HIS OR HER HARD-EARNED  
23 MONEY OR TAKE OUT LOANS TO START A BUSINESS USUALLY DOESN'T  
24 KNOW THIS. THEY FACE NUMEROUS, OFTEN INCONCEIVABLE OBSTACLES  
25 AND ARBITRARY BARRIERS. THIS MOTION GIVES SMALL BUSINESSES AND

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1 PEOPLE WANTING TO START BUSINESSES ONE PLACE TO GO AND SOMEONE  
2 WHO SHOULD BE ABLE TO HELP NAVIGATE THIS OBSTACLE COURSE. THIS  
3 WILL NOT ONLY HELP BUSINESS OWNERS BUT ALSO PEOPLE WHO THOSE  
4 BUSINESSES WILL EVANTUALLY HIRE. THIS IS A GOOD START, ONE  
5 THAT OTHER CITIES, ESPECIALLY THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES WILL  
6 HOPEFULLY EMULATE AND EXPAND UPON. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. WE'LL MOVE  
9 TO THE NEXT SPEAKER ON ITEM NO. 17. THANK YOU MUCH.

10

11 **CYNTHIA HUBACH:** HI, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. GETTING BACK TO URBAN  
12 AGRICULTURE, MY NAME IS CYNTHIA HUBACH. I STARTED THE ELYSIAN  
13 VALLEY COMMUNITY GARDEN IN ELYSIAN VALLEY IN 2010 ON PROPERTY  
14 THAT I OWNED SO ACTUALLY I WOULD BE A BENEFICIARY OF A.B.551.  
15 WE PROVIDE COMMUNITY GARDEN PLOTS FOR 30 FAMILIES AND GREEN  
16 SPACE FOR MANY MORE. WE ALSO PROVIDE COMPOSTING SERVICES,  
17 GARDENING CLASSES, A PLACE FOR COMMUNITY GATHERINGS. MANY OF  
18 OUR GARDENERS SAY IT IS A PLACE THAT PROVIDES REFUGE AND  
19 RESPITE FOR THEM IN THEIR BUSY LIVES. IT IS A WONDERFUL PLACE  
20 AND I'M VERY PROUD TO DO IT. IT DOES COST ME THOUGH NOT JUST  
21 THE LAND BUT ALSO \$5,000 A YEAR IN PROPERTY TAXES. SO AS A  
22 PUBLIC BENEFIT IT WOULD BE WONDERFUL TO HAVE SOME SUPPORT FROM  
23 THE COUNTY AND THE CITY IN PROVIDING THAT SERVICE. I HAVE ALSO  
24 BEEN TALKING WITH SOME FRIENDS WHO HAVE PROPERTY. THEY ARE

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1 ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE PROSPECT OF THIS PROPOSITION, SO WE'RE  
2 VERY MUCH IN SUPPORT OF IT AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. WE'LL  
5 TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

6

7 **NATALIE FLORES:** ALOHA. MY NAME IS NATALIE FLORES AND I'M HERE  
8 ON BEHALF OF SUNSHINE PARTNERSHIPS. WE STARTED AS A GROWER  
9 GARDENING ORGANIZATION IN VENICE, TOOK OVER VACANT PARCEL OF  
10 LAND AND CONVERTED IT INTO A COMMUNITY GARDEN. ORGANIZED 1,000  
11 SIGNATURES AND WE ARE ABLE TO GROW FOUR SEASONS' WORTH OF FOOD  
12 ON THIS LOT. I COULD ONLY IMAGINE THE POTENTIAL THAT WE HAVE  
13 IN THESE VACANT SPACES. AND SUNSHINE PARTNERSHIP WANTS TO HELP  
14 UNLOCK THAT POTENTIAL CREATE JOBS IN ABUNDANCE FOR THE  
15 COMMUNITY AND BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER IN A JOUOUS AND  
16 CELEBRATORY WAY. I STARTED GARDENING FOR MY OWN THERAPY AND  
17 HEALING. I WAS IN DESPERATE NEED OF HEALING. TRAVELED THE  
18 WORLD LEARNING ABOUT DIFFERENT FARMING TECHNIQUES AND CAME  
19 BACK VERY UNGROUNDED MY INITIAL THOUGHT WAS GO GET THERAPY.  
20 AND BECAUSE I WAS LIVING NEAR A VACANT LOT I THOUGHT WHY SEEK  
21 THERAPY WHEN I HAVE A VACANT LOT TO MEND. THROUGH HEALING WITH  
22 THE EARTH, THROUGH THE SOIL, I WAS ABLE TO COME OUT OF A DEEP  
23 DEPRESSION AND BRING MY COMMUNITY TOGETHER THROUGH GROWING MY  
24 OWN FOOD. SO I AM ALL FOR THIS. I WANT TO HELP UNLEASH THE

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1 POTENTIAL. PLEASE VOTE IN FAVOR FOR IT. WE REALLY NEED IT.  
2 WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER AND WE ALL HAVE TO EAT. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. LADIES AND  
5 GENTLEMEN, LIFT THE HANDS. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE, THANK YOU.

6

7 **BRIANNA HAWKINS:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS BRIANNA HAWKINS AND  
8 I'M A POLICY AND RESEARCH FELLOW WITH THE LOS ANGELES FOOD  
9 POLICY COUNCIL AND I'M ALSO A DOCTORAL STUDENT AT U.S.C.  
10 STUDYING THE CONNECTION BETWEEN FOOD AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** LOWER YOUR MIC JUST A LITTLE BIT.

13

14 **BRIANNA HAWKINS:** IS THAT BETTER?

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THAT'S BETTER, THANKS.

17

18 **BRIANNA HAWKINS:** THE LETTERS I SUBMITTED ARE ON BEHALF OF THE  
19 NEARLY 25 ORGANIZATIONS THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY THAT HAVE  
20 SIGNED ON IN SUPPORT OF IMPLEMENTING URBAN AGRICULTURE  
21 INCENTIVE ZONES WITHIN THE COUNTY. WE COLLECTIVELY SUPPORT THE  
22 PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS AND  
23 COMMEND HIM FOR HIS LEADERSHIP. BECAUSE WE RECOGNIZE THE MANY  
24 ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS THAT URBAN  
25 AGRICULTURE CAN BRING TO THE COUNTY AS WELL AS THE TAX

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1 BENEFITS THAT THIS POLICY CAN BRING TO PROPERTY OWNERS. THE  
2 LOS ANGELES FOOD POLICY COUNCIL IS A COLLECTIVE IMPACT  
3 INITIATIVE THAT AIMS TO IMPROVE HEALTHY FOOD ACCESS THROUGHOUT  
4 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND MAKE IT A GOOD FOOD REGION FOR  
5 EVERYONE. WE WANT A PLACE WHERE FOOD IS HEALTHY, AFFORDABLE,  
6 FAIR AND SUSTAINABLE. ONE OF OUR PRIMARY GOALS IS TO IMPROVE  
7 THE HEALTH AND WELLNESS OF LOS ANGELOS BY ENSURING THAT WE  
8 HAVE ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE, NUTRITIOUS, CULTURALLY RELEVANT  
9 FOOD. THE COUNSEL AND ITS WORKING GROUPS BRING TOGETHER OVER  
10 500 LEADERS IN EXPERTS FROM ACROSS SECTORS, GEOGRAPHIES AND  
11 SOCIOECONOMIC COMMUNITIES TO STRENGTHEN THE CONNECTIONS  
12 THROUGHOUT THE FOOD SYSTEM AND TO FACILITATE TRANSFORMATION IN  
13 THE FOOD SYSTEM. WE RECOGNIZE THAT URBAN AGRICULTURE CAN BRING  
14 ABOUT ECONOMIC BENEFITS. FOR EVERY ONE DOLLAR THAT COMMUNITY  
15 GARDENS PLOTS YIELD, APPROXIMATELY \$6 WORTH OF VEGETABLES ARE  
16 YIELDED. THEY CREATE JOBS. THE U.S. D.A. FUNDED COMMUNITY  
17 PROGRAMS THAT CREATE OVER 2,300 JOBS AND INCUBATE OVER 3,600  
18 BUSINESSES. FINALLY WE RECOGNIZE THE HEALTH BENEFITS OF URBAN  
19 AGRICULTURE IS OVERCOMING DISPARITIES THAT MANY LOW INCOMING  
20 COMMUNITIES OF COLOR FACE IN ACCESS TO HEALTHY FOOD. AND THANK  
21 YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP IN PROPOSING THIS MOTION.

22  
23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY AND ADVOCACY.  
24 MA'AM, THANK YOU.



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1 **FRANCESCA DELAROSA:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS FRANCESCA  
2 DELAROSA AND I SERVE AS THE POLICY DIRECTOR FOR WOMEN  
3 ORGANIZING RESOURCES, KNOWLEDGE AND SERVICES. WORKS IS A  
4 NONPROFIT AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPER THAT HAS INCORPORATED  
5 ON SITE EDIBLE LANDSCAPING AND GARDENS FOR RESIDENT FOOD  
6 GROWING IN SEVEN OF OUR COMMUNITIES. I ALSO SERVE AS CHAIR OF  
7 THE URBAN AGRICULTURE WORKING GROUP OF THE LOS ANGELES FOOD  
8 POLICY COUNCIL AND I'M A BOARD MEMBER OF THE L.A. COMMUNITY  
9 GARDEN COUNCIL. I'M HERE TODAY TO OFFER MY STRONG SUPPORT FOR  
10 THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AN L.A. COUNTY URBAN AGRICULTURE  
11 INCENTIVE ZONE PROGRAM AS INTRODUCED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-  
12 THOMAS. WE FULLY SUPPORT EVERY EFFORT TO EXPLORE NEW WAYS FOR  
13 RESIDENTS AND FOOD GROWERS ACROSS L.A. COUNTY TO BE ABLE TO  
14 GROW FOOD ESPECIALLY IN COMMUNITIES MOST VULNERABLE TO FOOD  
15 INSECURITY AND HUNGER. THE CREATION OF AN URBAN AGRICULTURE  
16 INCENTIVE ZONE, IN CONJUNCTION WITH ASSEMBLY BILL 511 WILL  
17 HELP ADDRESS ONE OF THE BIGGEST OBSTACLES TO RESIDENT AND  
18 COMMUNITY FOOD GROWING EFFORTS: AND THAT'S ACCESS TO LAND. THE  
19 L.A. COMMUNITY GARDENS COUNCIL, FOR EXAMPLE, OPERATES OVER 40  
20 GARDENS ACROSS L.A. COUNTY. EACH GARDEN HAS A MULTI-YEAR  
21 WAITING LIST. WE CAN MEET THIS DEMAND IF WE HAD MORE ACCESS TO  
22 LAND. THAT IS WHY THIS PROGRAM WILL BE A WIN FOR GARDENERS,  
23 PROPERTY OWNERS AND MOST IMPORTANTLY NEIGHBORHOODS ACROSS THIS  
24 COUNTY THAT STAND TO BENEFIT FROM THE INCREASE IN ACCESS TO  
25 HEALTHY FRUITS AND VEGETABLES, THE CREATION OF GREEN, OPEN

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1 SPACE AND RENEWED NEIGHBORHOOD PRIDE GENERATED FROM BEAUTIFUL  
2 COMMUNITY PROJECTS. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR  
3 LEADERSHIP ON THIS ISSUE AND WE ENCOURAGE THE BOARD TO SUPPORT  
4 THIS MOTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS PROGRAM MOVING FORWARD.  
5 THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. ANYONE ELSE  
8 WISHING TO BE HEARD ON ITEM NO. 17 AT THIS POINT? MIGHT I JUST  
9 SIMPLY SAY THAT LAST NOVEMBER, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED  
10 THE MOTION TO HAVE RELATED DEPARTMENTS REPORT BACK ON THE  
11 FEASIBILITY OF IMPLEMENTING THE URBAN AGRICULTURE INCENTIVE  
12 ZONE PROGRAM. THE SPECIFIC TOPIC TO WHICH THE SPEAKERS  
13 ADDRESSED THEMSELVES. THE PROGRAM WHICH WAS SET UP THROUGH  
14 STATEWIDE LEGISLATION WORKS BY DECREASING PROPERTY TAX  
15 ASSESSMENTS FOR PROPERTY OWNERS THAT DEDICATE THEIR PROPERTIES  
16 FOR AGRICULTURAL USES. THE PROGRAM AIMS TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT  
17 OF HEALTHY FRUITS AND VEGETABLES GROWN WITHIN URBAN AREAS. AN  
18 ADDED BENEFIT OF BEING ABLE TO BE A TOOL TO REDUCE THE NUMBER  
19 OF VACANT LOTS, OFTEN BLIGHTED LOTS AND PROPERTIES WITHIN  
20 COMMUNITIES THAT ARE SLATED FOR REVITALIZATION. LAST JUNE, THE  
21 DEPARTMENTS HERE IN THE COUNTY ISSUED A REPORT WHICH CONCLUDED  
22 THAT IT IS FEASIBLE TO IMPLEMENT THIS PROGRAM AND THAT'S GOOD  
23 NEWS. AND SO THE FISCAL COSTS OF ESTABLISHING THIS TYPE OF  
24 PROGRAM ARE LIKELY TO PALE IN COMPARISON, WE BELIEVE, WITH THE  
25 ANTICIPATED PUBLIC HEALTH BENEFITS, THE ENVIRONMENTAL

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1 BENEFITS, THE QUALITY OF LIFE BENEFITS, AND THE ECONOMIC  
2 BENEFITS FOR THE PARTICIPANTS AND THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITY.  
3 IT'S A GOOD THING ANYWAY YOU LOOK AT IT. THE PURPOSE OF THIS  
4 PROGRAM IS NOT TO CHANGE ZONING REQUIREMENTS AT ALL FOR  
5 AGRICULTURAL USES AND THE LIKE. THEY WOULD STILL BE SUBJECT TO  
6 OUR ZONING CODE AND ALL THE RELATED ISSUES AS THE DEPARTMENT  
7 OF REGIONAL PLANNING CAN MAKE ABUNDANTLY CLEAR. BUT OFTENTIMES  
8 STEEP PROPERTY TAXES MAKE IT FISCALLY IMPRACTICAL TO FIND  
9 SITES FOR URBAN GARDENING. IT IS URBAN GARDENING THAT WE ARE  
10 SEEKING TO PROMOTE. THIS SEEKS TO PROVIDE A CARROT, LITERALLY  
11 AND FIGURATIVELY, TO MAKE IT MORE FINANCIALLY VIABLE TO GROW  
12 FRUIT AND VEGETABLES RIGHT IN OUR OWN COMMUNITY, IN THE URBAN  
13 SPACE, FOR THOSE OF US WHO LIVE IN SUCH CONTEXTS. EACH CITY  
14 MUST BE PROACTIVE IN SIGNING ON IF THEY WOULD LIKE TO  
15 PARTICIPATE. IT'S NOT MANDATED AS SUCH. CITIES HAVE THE  
16 PREROGATIVE. I SEE THIS AS ONE CREATIVE TOOL IN THE TOOL KIT  
17 TO ADDRESS SIGNIFICANT FOOD DESERT ISSUES PREVALENT IN URBAN  
18 AREAS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. I WOULD LIKE TO  
19 SAY THE PROSPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS A SHOUT OUT TO YOU FOR THE  
20 GOOD WORK WE'VE DONE THUS FAR AND I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE  
21 BOARD FOR MOVING FORWARD WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS  
22 PROGRAM WITH A SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL THE SPEAKERS WHO CAME TO  
23 SPEAK AFFIRMATIVELY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MADAME EXECUTIVE  
24 OFFICER. WHAT IS BEFORE US?

25

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1   **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** MR. CHAIR PRO TEM  
2   THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU: 10, 11, 15, 17, 18, 19,  
3   24, 25, 26, 27 AND 28.

4

5   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THOSE ITEMS BEFORE US. SUPERVISOR KNABE  
6   MOVES. SUPERVISOR KUEHL SECONDS. PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS  
7   VOTE OF THE ITEMS THAT WERE JUST READ.

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9   **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:**MR. CHAIR PRO TEM AND  
10  MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. AFTER TABULATING THE BALLOTS, A  
11  DETERMINATION HAS BEEN MADE THAT NO MAJORITY PROTEST EXIST  
12  AGAINST THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION AND LEVYING OF ANNUAL  
13  ASSESSMENTS FOR APPROVED TENTATIVE SUBDIVISION TERRITORIES  
14  TRACT NUMBER 72216 AND 61105 IN UNINCORPORATED SOUTH WHITTIER  
15  AND VALENCIA TO COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT'S 1687  
16  AND COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT L.L.A.-1 FOR THE UNINCORPORATED  
17  ZONE. AS A RESULT IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE BOARD TO  
18  ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ANNEXATION AND LEVYING OF  
19  ASSESSMENT AND THE JOINT RESOLUTIONS OF ACCEPTING THE  
20  NEGOTIATED EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUE RESULTING FROM THE  
21  ANNEXATION OF SUBDIVISION TERRITORIES TRACK NUMBER 72216 IN  
22  THE UNINCORPORATED VALENCIA AREA AND TRACK NUMBER 611005 IN  
23  THE UNINCORPORATED SOUTH WHITTIER AREA. FOR TRACT NUMBER 69468  
24  A DETERMINATION HAS BEEN MADE THAT A MAJORITY PROTEST DOES  
25  EXIST AND IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE BOARD TO TERMINATE

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1 THE PROCEEDINGS FOR TRACK NUMBER 69468 IN THE UNINCORPORATED  
2 AREA OF SOUTH WHITTIER AND REFER THE MATTER BACK TO THE  
3 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. IT'S PROPERLY MOVED BY  
6 SUPERVISOR KNABE AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. THERE IS NO  
7 FURTHER DISCUSSION. NO OBJECTIONS. PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS  
8 VOTE ON THOSE ITEMS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. LET'S THEN MOVE THE  
9 AGENDA FORWARD. MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER? WE HAVE SEVERAL  
10 PERSONS WHO WISH TO BE HEARD BY WAY OF COMMENT THAT HAS BEEN  
11 PREVIOUSLY ARRANGED. THEY ARE IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER. DAVID  
12 GREEN. LISA HERNANDEZ. DENNIS GREENE. LILLIANA MEMPHIS. RUBY  
13 DYE. LILLIAN CABRAL, ORPHEY MELVIN. JULIA MARIN, IN THAT  
14 ORDER. MR. GREEN, THE FLOOR IS YOURS. A LOT OF HANDS IN THE  
15 AIR. THEY ACT LIKE THEY JUST DON'T CARE, PROCEED. SIR, THANK  
16 YOU.

17

18 **DAVID GREEN:** THANK YOU. I THINK THAT'S THE MOST BEAUTIFUL  
19 THING I'VE EVER SEEN. GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS  
20 DAVID GREEN. AND I'M A PROUD L.A. COUNTY CHILDREN'S SOCIAL  
21 WORKER AND THE CHAIR FOR SOCIAL WORKERS BARGAINING TEAM, I'M  
22 ALSO THE TREASURER FOR S.E.I.U. LOCAL 721 AND MOST IMPORTANTLY  
23 I'M HERE TO SPEAK FOR THAT 55,000 L.A. COUNTY WORKERS TODAY.

24

25 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. [APPLAUSE.]

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2   **DAVID GREEN:** LAST WEEK OUR DEPARTMENT, THE DEPARTMENT OF  
3 CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES CARRIED OUT TESTS AND SIMULATIONS  
4 IN PREPARATION FOR A POSSIBLE STRIKE. THEY EVEN CREATED AN APP  
5 THE WORK ACTION READINESS APPLICATION OR WARA AS PART OF THE  
6 STRIKE PREPARATION. IT'S SAD IT'S COME TO THIS. NOBODY WANTS A  
7 STRIKE. IT WAS TWO YEARS AGO WHEN 5,000 SOCIAL WORKERS  
8 SACRIFICED UP TO SIX DAYS OF PAY TO CALL ATTENTION TO CHILD  
9 SAFETY. IT'S A CRISIS THAT NEEDED TO BE ADEQUATELY ADDRESSED.  
10 SOCIAL WORKERS WERE CRYING OUT FOR HELP FROM THIS BOARD SO  
11 THEY COULD HAVE THE RESOURCES THEY NEED TO HELP THE MOST  
12 VULNERABLE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN L.A. COUNTY. PROGRESS HAS  
13 BEEN MADE OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS. WE WANT TO THANK PHILIP  
14 BROWNING FOR HIS LEADERSHIP AND SHARING OUR COMMITMENT TOWARDS  
15 CHILD SAFETY, BUT THE PROGRESS MUST CONTINUE. WE STILL NEED  
16 ADDITIONAL SOCIAL WORKERS AND CHILD SAFETY IS STILL A MAJOR  
17 PRIORITY. WE BELIEVE THAT ALL CHILDREN DESERVE TO BE SAFE.  
18 TODAY YOU WILL BE HEARING FROM A VARIETY OF WORKERS FROM  
19 DIFFERENT DISCIPLINES AND DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS, BUT THEIR  
20 MESSAGES ARE NOT SO DIFFERENT. WE ALL WANT TO BE TREATED  
21 FAIRLY. WE WANT TO BE VALUED. WE WANT TO BE RESPECTED. WE WANT  
22 TO PROVIDE THE BEST QUALITY SERVICES FOR THE NEEDS OF  
23 EVERYBODY IN L.A. COUNTY. WE KNOW YOU WANT THAT, TOO. SO WE'RE  
24 OPTIMISTIC THAT WE CAN REACH AN AGREEMENT IN THE NEXT FEW  
25 DAYS. PLEASE DO WHAT'S RIGHT AND WHAT'S BEST FOR ALL OF L.A.

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1 COUNTY. I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE THE FIRST SPEAKER, MELISSA  
2 HERNANDEZ.

3

4 **MELISSA HERNANDEZ:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS MELISSA HERNANDEZ.  
5 AND I STARTED WITH L.A. COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION AT 15  
6 YEARS OLD. ON SEPTEMBER 11TH I CELEBRATED MY 39TH BIRTHDAY.  
7 I'VE BEEN LUCKY AND VERY FORTUNATE TO BE WITH PARKS AND  
8 RECREATION MY ENTIRE CAREER. I LOVE WHAT I DO. IN MY YOUNGER  
9 DAYS WHEN I STARTED OFF AS A TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE, MINIMUM WAGE  
10 WAS 4.25 AN HOUR. WORKING FOR PARKS AND RECREATION AS A  
11 TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE, I MADE OVER \$8 AN HOUR. WITH THAT WAGE, I  
12 WAS ABLE TO PUT MYSELF THROUGH SCHOOL, EARN A BACHELOR'S AND  
13 MASTER'S DEGREE. YAY. BUT I'M SAD THAT I CAN'T SAY THAT TOO MY  
14 TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES TODAY. THEY MAKE UNDER \$15 AN HOUR. AND  
15 IT'S TOO HARD TO STRUGGLE. I THANK YOU FOR RAISING THE \$15 AN  
16 HOUR, BUT TO 2020 IS JUST NOT GOOD ENOUGH. I CAN'T HAVE THEM  
17 WAIT AND CONTINUE TO STRUGGLE. L.A. CITY HAS BEEN THE MODEL  
18 FOR THE L.A. COUNTY ORDINANCE AND WE ARE' GLAD THAT YOU GUYS  
19 ARE FOLLOWING THAT BUT WE'RE GOING TO ASK THAT YOU DO MORE.  
20 L.A. CITY HAS MADE AN AGREEMENT WITH THEIR UNIONS TO BRING UP  
21 THEIR \$15 AN HOUR ORDINANCE TO JANUARY 2017. OTHER LOS ANGELES  
22 GROUPS HAVE DONE THE SAME WITH L.A. UNIFIED DOING THEIR \$15 AN  
23 HOUR TO 2016. AND THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA WILL BE DOING  
24 THEIR \$15 AN HOUR MINIMUM WAGE TO JULY 2017. THERE'S NO WORSE  
25 FEELING THAN HAVING AN EMPLOYEE CALL ME TWO DAYS BEFORE PAYDAY



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1 AND SAY MELISSA, THIS IS A HARD WORKER, "I CAN'T COME INTO  
2 WORK TODAY. I CAN'T PUT GAS IN MY CAR." I'M ASKING L.A. COUNTY  
3 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO DO MORE. TO MAKE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE  
4 UNION, WITH S.E.I.U. AND TO BRING \$15 AN HOUR UP-TO-DATE AT  
5 LEAST BY THE END OF OUR CONTRACT IN 2018. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. NEXT  
8 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

9

10 **DENNIS GREENE:** GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.  
11 MY NAME IS DENNIS GREENE. I'VE WORKED FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
12 FOR 28 YEARS AND I'M CURRENTLY SERVING AS A LEGAL OFFICE  
13 SUPPORT ASSISTANT IN THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. I HAVE  
14 BEEN AROUND THE COUNTY BLOCK A FEW TIMES AND HAVE SEEN  
15 IMPROVEMENT IN MANY AREAS. BUT THE ISSUE THAT I'M GOING TO  
16 PRESENT STICKS OUT LIKE A SORE THUMB AS AN INJUSTICE THAT  
17 MUST BE CORRECTED. THE COUNTY'S PUBLIC LIBRARY IS THE ONLY  
18 DEPARTMENT RUNNING PRIMARILY WITH TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES. THE  
19 PUBLIC LIBRARY EMPLOYS OVER 900 LIBRARY AIDES AND LIBRARY PAGES  
20 ALL IN TEMPORARY STATUS. BUT THERE IS NOTHING TEMPORARY ABOUT  
21 THEIR JOBS. THE CLERICAL FUNCTIONS THEY PERFORM ARE ON GOING  
22 AND OF AN INDEFINITE DURATION. THEY ARE NOT SEASONAL OR  
23 RECURRING. THE WORKLOAD DOES NOT SIGNIFICANTLY FLUCTUATE. THE  
24 ONLY REASON THAT THEY ARE CLASSIFIED AS TEMPORARY IS THAT  
25 THAT'S THE WAY IT'S ALWAYS BEEN DONE WITHIN THAT DEPARTMENT.

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1 BUT BECAUSE THEY ARE CLASSIFIED AS TEMPORARY LIBRARY AIDS AND  
2 PAGES, THEY RECEIVE NO PENSIONS, REDUCED HEALTH BENEFITS, LOW  
3 SALARIES, BETWEEN \$10 AND \$12 PER HOUR, NO JOB SECURITY. THEY  
4 CAN BE LET GO AT ANY TIME OR HAVE THEIR HOURS CUT WITHOUT  
5 WARNING AND WITHOUT JUST CAUSE. UNFORTUNATELY THIS IS A COMMON  
6 OCCURRENCE. WITH ME TODAY IN THE AUDIENCE IS AMELIA SOTO. SHE  
7 HAS BEEN WORKING FOR FOUR YEARS AS A LIBRARY PAGE AT THE  
8 GARDENA LIBRARY AND WAS IN THE PROCESS OF PROMOTING TO A  
9 LIBRARY AIDE POSITION IN CULVER CITY WHEN SHE WAS LET GO  
10 WITHOUT NO EXPLANATION. AMELIA LOST HER SOLE MEANS OF SUPPORT.  
11 IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE THIS WAY. MISS SOTO SHOULD HAVE BEEN IN  
12 A PERMANENT POSITION AND JOBS WITH BASIC RIGHTS. THE L.A. CITY  
13 PUBLIC LIBRARY EMPLOYS THESE PEOPLE, AS WELL. THIS IS A MODEL  
14 THAT'S BEEN DONE IN THE COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO, THE CITY OF  
15 CHICAGO. AND THEY HAVE PERMANENT CLERICAL POSITIONS. WE ARE  
16 ASKING THAT THE BOARD SUPPORT US IN THE PATHWAY TO PERMANENCY.  
17 THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. NOW WE MOVE  
20 TO THE NEXT SPEAKER, MA'AM?

21

22 **ILEANA MEZA:** GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY  
23 NAME IS ILEANA MEZA AND I'M A NURSE PRACTITIONER AT  
24 L.A.C.U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER. AND I WORK IN A G.Y.N. ONCOLOGY  
25 CLINIC. LOS ANGELES COUNTY NURSE PRACTITIONERS, REGISTERED

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1 NURSES, PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES, CRITICAL CARE NURSES SUCH AS  
2 BURN UNIT NURSES AND I.C.U. NURSES, WE HAVE DEDICATED  
3 OURSELVES TO A LIFE- LONG PROCESS OF LEARNING, OF HIGHER  
4 EDUCATION SO THAT WE CAN PROVIDE HIGH QUALITY HEALTHCARE  
5 OUTCOMES TO OUR VULNERABLE POPULATION, OUR UNINSURED, OUR  
6 UNDERINSURED, OUR UNDERSERVED RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY,  
7 OUR VULNERABLE POPULATIONS DESERVE TO HAVE HIGH QUALITY  
8 HEALTHCARE OUTCOMES. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, IF YOU WANT TO BE  
9 THE PROVIDERS OF CHOICE, THEN YOU HAVE GOT TO BE THE EMPLOYERS  
10 OF CHOICE. YOU HAVE GOT TO PROVIDE SALARIES THAT ARE  
11 COMPARABLE TO BE ABLE TO RECRUIT AND TO RETAIN NURSE  
12 PRACTITIONERS, PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES, REGISTERED NURSES AND  
13 CRITICAL CARE NURSES. THE SALARIES FOR NURSE PRACTITIONERS AND  
14 OTHER NURSES ARE NOT COMPARABLE AND ARE SIGNIFICANTLY LOW IN  
15 COMPARISON TO THE MARKET AND IN COMPARISON TO THE ACUITY AND  
16 COMPLEXITY OF THE TYPE OF PATIENTS THAT WE SERVE HERE. SOME  
17 EXPENSES CANNOT BE PLACED ON THE PRICE LIST. SOME THINGS SUCH  
18 AS PROVIDING HIGH QUALITY HEALTHCARE TO OUR VULNERABLE  
19 POPULATION BY THE NURSES HERE THAT PROVIDE THEIR BRAIN TRUSTS  
20 AND DEDICATION TO EXECUTE THIS QUALITY AND TO BRING EVIDENCE-  
21 BASED PRACTICE TO THE BEDSIDE AND TO THE CLINICAL SETTING. YOU  
22 MUST INVEST IN YOUR NURSES, IN YOUR NURSE PRACTITIONERS, IN  
23 YOUR PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES, IN YOUR CRITICAL CARE NURSES, ALSO  
24 IN YOUR CLINICAL LAB SCIENTISTS AND YOUR HEALTH INFORMATION  
25 TECHNOLOGY AND A VARIETY OF OTHER HEALTH DIVISION WORKERS THAT

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1 ARE PROVIDING SERVICES TO OUR VULNERABLE POPULATIONS. THANK  
2 YOU.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.

5 [APPLAUSE] NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

6

7 **JULIA MARIN:** MY NAME IS JULIA MARIN. I'M AN ELIGABILITY WORKER  
8 AT D.P.S.S. ALSO SHOP STEWARD FOR LOCAL S.E.I.U. 721. WHEN WE  
9 TALK ABOUT LOW WAGES WORKERS, WE CAN RELATE. AS AN ELIGIBILITY  
10 WORKER, MY PAY IS A LITTLE ABOVE \$15 PER HOUR, THOUGH NOT  
11 ENOUGH. WE ELIGABILITY WORKERS STRUGGLE TO MAKE ENDS MEET.  
12 MANY OF US LIVE FROM PAYCHECK TO PAYCHECK AND UNABLE TO SAVE  
13 FOR OUR FUTURE, SUCH AS OUR CHILDREN'S COLLEGE EDUCATION  
14 AND/OR UNEXPECTED LIVING EXPENSES. SOME COUNTY EMPLOYEES CAN'T  
15 AFFORD A PLACE TO LIVE AND CURRENTLY LIVE IN THEIR CARS. WE  
16 ARE SUPPOSED TO PROVIDE A SAFETY NET, BUT MOST OF US ARE ONE  
17 STEP AWAY FROM NEEDING THE SAFETY NET OURSELF. WITH THE  
18 ECONOMIC RECESSION AND PERVASIVE INCOME INEQUALITY ELIGIBILITY  
19 WORKERS SAW THE NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS INCREASED DRAMATICALLY IN  
20 THE LAST TWO YEARS WHICH CREATES CROWDED LOBBIES AND LONG  
21 LINES. THROUGH IT ALL ELIGIBILITY WORKERS HAVE MET THE  
22 CHALLENGES. WITH THE IMPLIMENTATION OF THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT  
23 ELIGABILITY WORKERS HAVE NOW ENROLLED OVER 1 MILLION NEW  
24 APPLICANTS IN THE MEDI-CAL PROGRAM. BECAUSE OF THE ONGOING  
25 PROBLEM WITH CALHEERS, WE HAVE HAD TO PROCESS MANY OF THE

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1 CASES IN ORDER TO KEEP UP WITH THE HIGH PUBLIC DEMAND. WE ARE  
2 ASKING TO BE RECOGNIZED AND COMPENSATED FAIRLY FOR THE HARD  
3 WORK WE ARE DOING WHICH HAS INCREASED TREMENDOUSLY AND IS  
4 BECOMING MUCH MORE COMPLICATED. WE HAVE DONE OUR PART. NOW  
5 WE'RE ASKING YOU TO DO YOURS. SUPERVISORS, SHOW US THAT YOU  
6 CARE. SHOW US THAT YOU ARE WITH US. IT'S TIME TO RAISE UP L.A.  
7 [APPLAUSE]

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

10

11 **MELINDA HARRISON:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS  
12 MELINDA HARRISON. I'M SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF RUBY DYE. I AM AN  
13 ELIGIBILITY SUPERVISOR IN THE COMPTON OFFICE AND I HAVE BEEN  
14 EMPLOYED FOR 40 YEARS I'M WHAT YOU MIGHT CALL AN EXPERIENCED  
15 WORKER. [LAUGHTER.]

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YEAH. [LAUGHTER.] 40 YEARS' WORTH, I  
18 UNDERSTAND.

19

20 **MELINDA HARRISON:** I STARTED MY COUNTY SERVICE SHORTLY AFTER  
21 HIGH SCHOOL, SO 40 AND LIKE 18 OR 19, THAT'S NOT VERY OLD.  
22 IT'S NOT VERY OLD. EVERY OFFICE HAS EXPERIENCED WORKERS, YOU  
23 KNOW THE ONES EVERYONE GOES TO WHEN THEY NEED HELP OR HAVE A  
24 QUESTION AND THE ONES THAT MANAGERS TURN TO WHEN A NEW  
25 EMPLOYEE NEEDS MENTORING. IN SOME WORK PLACES, EXPERIENCE IS

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1 VALUED. IN SOME SOCIETIES, THE ELDERS ARE TREATED WITH RESPECT  
2 BUT NOT L.A. COUNTY. OR AT LEAST NOT WHEN IT COMES TO THE  
3 LOWEST PAID WORKERS. HIGHER PAID WORKERS IN L.A. COUNTY DO  
4 RECEIVE ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION AFTER THEY'VE REACHED CAREER  
5 MILESTONES. DEPUTY SHERIFFS, FIREFIGHTERS, PROBATION OFFICERS,  
6 MOST OF THE HIGHER PAID WORKERS. BUT THE REST OF US HAVE BEEN  
7 LEFT OUT. NO RECOGNITION. NO REWARDS. NO RESPECT. SOME PEOPLE  
8 IN THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE SEEM TO TREAT LONGEVITY LIKE IT'S A  
9 DIRTY WORD. BUT TO US IT MEANS RESPECT. WE CALL ON YOU TODAY  
10 TO FINALLY REWARD A LIFETIME OF COMMITMENT TO OUR JOBS. THANK  
11 YOU.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. [APPLAUSE]  
14 ALL RIGHT. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

15

16 **LILLIAN CABRAL:** MY NAME IS LILLIAN CABRAL AND I HAVE 37 YEARS  
17 OF COUNTY SERVICE. GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** GOOD MORNING TO YOU.

20

21 **LILLIAN CABRAL:** I WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN MY COMMENT WITH A QUOTE.  
22 CESAR CHAVEZ LEFT A LEGACY OF EDUCATORS, ENVIRONMENTALISTS AND  
23 A CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER. AND HIS CAUSE LIVES ON. AS FARM WORKERS  
24 AND LABORERS ACROSS AMERICA CONTINUE TO STRUGGLE FOR FAIR  
25 TREATMENT AND FAIR WAGES, WE FIND STRENGTH IN WHAT CESAR

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1 CHAVEZ ACCOMPLISHED SO MANY YEARS AND WE SHOULD HONOR HIM FOR  
2 WHAT HE TAUGHT US ABOUT MAKING AMERICA A STRONGER AND MORE  
3 JUST AND MORE PROSPEROUS NATION. THAT'S WHY I SUPPORT THE CALL  
4 OF MAKING CESAR CHAVEZ'S BIRTHDAY A NATIONAL HOLIDAY. "IT'S  
5 TIME TO RECOGNIZE THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF AN AMERICAN ICON TO THE  
6 ONGOING EFFORT TO PERFECT OUR UNION." SUPERVISORS, THE MAN WHO  
7 SPOKE THESE WORDS IS NOT A LATINO LEADER. HE'S NOT A LABOR  
8 LEADER. HE IS A LEADER OF OUR NATION. HE IS OUR PRESIDENT,  
9 BARACK OBAMA. DESPITE THE PRESIDENT'S CALL TO ACTION CESAR  
10 CHAVEZ'S BIRTHDAY IS NOT A NATIONAL HOLIDAY. IT IS RECOGNIZING  
11 THE STATE HOLIDAY IN TEXAS, COLORADO AND HERE IN CALIFORNIA.  
12 MOST CALIFORNIA STATE OFFICERS ARE CLOSED ON CESAR CHAVEZ DAY  
13 AND IT IS A HOLIDAY FOR THE WORKERS. L.A. GOVERNMENT OFFICE  
14 CLOSED AND WORKERS CELEBRATE LEGACY CESAR CHAVEZ WITH A PAID  
15 DAY OFF. IT IS CELEBRATED IN HOLIDAYS IN MANY CALIFORNIA  
16 CITIES AND COUNTIES INCLUDING SACRAMENTO, BERKELEY, SAN JOSE,  
17 SAN DIEGO AND CLOSE TO HOME IN WEST HOLLYWOOD, CARSON,  
18 HAWTHORNE, INGLEWOOD AND LOS ANGELES. AND IN THE CITIES, IN  
19 THE NATION FROM PITTSBURGH TO MILWAUKEE, TO RENO TO PHOENIX.  
20 IN CAL STATE, U.C. SYSTEMS AND L.A. UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICTS  
21 CESAR CHAVEZ'S BIRTHDAY IS A HOLIDAY. SUPERVISORS, IT'S TIME  
22 FOR L.A. COUNTY TO BE INCLUDED! IT'S TIME! IT'S TIME! IT'S  
23 TIME! THANK YOU.  
24



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1   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU. IT'S TIME. OKAY. EVERYBODY ALL  
2   RIGHT? OKAY. JUST LIFT YOUR HANDS. DO WHAT YOU DO. WE THANK  
3   YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

4

5   **KIM PETERS:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS KIM PETERS.  
6   I ALSO AM A 37-YEAR COUNTY EMPLOYEE. [APPLAUSE] I REPRESENT  
7   THE LIBRARIANS AND LIBRARY ASSISTANTS OF L.A. COUNTY. AND WE  
8   HAVE A SERIOUS PROBLEM IN OUR LIBRARIES REGARDING HEALTH AND  
9   SAFETY FOR OUR CUSTOMERS AND OUR EMPLOYEES. IMAGINE GOING TO  
10   WORK EVERY DAY AFRAID. WE HAVE EMPLOYEES DOING THAT. LIBRARIES  
11   HAVE BECOME A SAFE HAVEN FOR PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS OF  
12   VARYING DEGREES. SOME JUST NEED A LITTLE EXTRA ATTENTION AND  
13   ASSISTANCE AND SOME WHO ARE DOWNRIGHT SCARY. LET ME TELL YOU  
14   ABOUT ONE FROM MY LIBRARY. HIS NAME IS WALTER. HE'S A  
15   SCHIZOPHRENIC AND HALLUCINATION, HIS PRIMARY HALLUCINATION IS  
16   JOEY. WALTER GETS INTO LOUD ARGUMENTS WITH JOEY. AND WHEN HE'S  
17   NOT FIGHTING WITH JOEY, HE PICKS ON THE STAFF. THERE'S ONE  
18   STAFF MEMBER PARTICULARLY HE PICKS ON, AND SHE HAS BEEN TOLD  
19   THAT WHEN WALTER COMES, SHE SHOULD JUST LEAVE THE FLOOR. WELL,  
20   WALTER NO LONGER LETS HER JUST LEAVE THE FLOOR. WALTER GETS IN  
21   HER WAY, CUSES HER OUT, CALLS HER DEROGATORY NAMES SO NOW  
22   SHE'S BEEN TOLD THAT IF SHE SEES WALTER WALK IN THE DOOR,  
23   ANYONE ELSE SEES WALTER WALK IN THE DOOR, SHE'S SUPPOSED TO GO  
24   IN THE BACK ROOM AND NOT BE OUT ON THE FLOOR AT ALL. OUR  
25   ADMINISTRATORS HAVE TOLD HER "WALTER CAN'T HELP HIMSELF

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1 BECAUSE OF HIS ILLNESS," SO SHE HAS TO FIND A WAY TO LIVE WITH  
2 IT. SO HER WAY TO LIVE WITH IT IS SHE'S NOW TAKING XANAX TO DO  
3 HER JOB. THIS IS RIDICULOUS. STEPS HAVE TO BE TAKEN TO PROTECT  
4 WORKERS AND CUSTOMERS BECAUSE WHAT'S TO STOP WALTER FROM  
5 STOPPING THE VERBAL ABUSE AND GOING ON TO PHYSICAL ABUSE?  
6 NOTHING. AND OUR DEPARTMENT DOES NOTHING. SO THIS IS ONE  
7 LIBRARY BUT IT'S HAPPENING EVERY DAY IN MANY LIBRARIES. WE  
8 HAVE THE SAME SITUATION BECAUSE WE'RE A SAFE HAVEN FOR PEOPLE  
9 WITH MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES. WHAT CAN WE DO TO FIX THIS? WE NEED  
10 TO HAVE A CODE OF CONDUCT FOR OUR CUSTOMERS. WE'RE THE ONLY  
11 MAJOR LIBRARY SYSTEM IN THE COUNTRY THAT DOESN'T HAVE A CODE  
12 OF CONDUCT FOR THEIR CUSTOMERS. WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT,  
13 REPEAT OFFENDERS NEED TO BE REMOVED FROM THE LIBRARY  
14 ENVIRONMENT. IT'S A PRIVILEGE TO COME TO THE LIBRARY. IT'S  
15 EVERYBODY'S PRIVILEGE BUT ONE PERSON SHOULDN'T AFFECT  
16 EVERYONE ELSE'S EXPERIENCE.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WE AGREE. KATHLEEN AUSTRIA WILL COME AND  
19 TALK TO YOU ABOUT THAT. SEE WHAT THE APPROPRIATE INTERVENTIONS  
20 ARE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. [APPLAUSE] HOLD ON. THANK  
21 YOU VERY MUCH. WE APPRECIATE IT.

22

23 **MELVIN ORPHEY:** HONORABLE BOARD.

24

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1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** HAVE A TALK WITH WALTER SOMETIME SOON.

2    THANK YOU. [LAUGHTER.]

3

4    **MELVIN ORPHEY:** GOOD MORNING HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY  
5    NAME IS MELVIN ORPHEY. I WORK AT HUBERT H. HUMPHREY  
6    COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CENTER. AND I HAVE NEARLY 18 YEARS OF  
7    COUNTY SERVICE. I AM THE COCHAIR OF MY BARGAINING UNIT 221 AND  
8    I'M ALSO ON THE HEALTH POLICY COMMITTEE THAT'S GOING TO HELP  
9    FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF BRINGING L.A. COUNTY TOGETHER. I AM  
10   HERE TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF MY COUNTY WORKERS WHO WORK THE  
11   EVENING SHIFT AND THE NIGHT SHIFT. IT IS STANDARD PRACTICE TO  
12   PROVIDE DIFFERENTIALS TO COMPENSATE FOR THE UNDESIRABLE  
13   SHIFTS. THE DIFFERENTIAL NEEDS TO BE LARGE ENOUGH OR ELSE THE  
14   INCONVENIENCE WILL NOT PRODUCE THE DESIRED RESULTS. THE  
15   FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CURRENTLY PROVIDES 7.5 PERCENT  
16   DIFFERENTIALS FOR EVENING SHIFTS AND A 10 PERCENT DIFFERENTIAL  
17   PAY FOR THE NIGHT SHIFT. MOST CALIFORNIA COUNTIES, INCLUDING  
18   VENTURA, ORANGE, SANTA CLARA, SAN LUIS OBISPO, MONTEREY,  
19   CONTRA COSTA AND ALAMEDA COUNTY ALSO PROVIDE AT LEAST 5  
20   PERCENT DIFFERENTIAL PAY, AND THEY ALSO GIVE MORE TO THE  
21   HEALTHCARE WORKERS. SACRAMENTO COUNTY CURRENTLY PAYS 7.5  
22   PERCENT FOR THE EVENING SHIFT AND 10 PERCENT FOR THE NIGHT  
23   SHIFT. AND OF COURSE SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY PROVIDES THE  
24   GREATEST RANGE. THEIRS IS BETWEEN 8 AND 20 PERCENT. BUT L.A.  
25   COUNTY DOES NOT PROVIDE A PERCENTAGE DIFFERENTIAL AT ALL.

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1 INSTEAD, MOST OF THE S.E.I.U. WORKERS' MEMBERS RECEIVE A FLAT  
2 RATE OF ANYWHERE FROM 30 CENTS AN HOUR UP TO A MAXIMUM OF 70  
3 CENTS PER HOUR. AND THESE RATES HARDLY HAVE BEEN ADJUSTED IN  
4 THE LAST 25 YEARS. SO OF COURSE THIS RELATIVE AMOUNT OF MONEY  
5 THAT WE GOT BACK IN 1992, IT HAS SHRUNKEN SO MUCH AND BECAUSE  
6 OUR SHIFTS ARE SO LOW, IT IS HARD TO KEEP THESE EMPLOYEES ON  
7 THESE SHIFTS. WHO WOULD LIKE TO BE INCONVENIENCING THEIR  
8 LIFESTYLES FOR A MEASLY 50 CENTS MORE AN HOUR? AS YOU MIGHT  
9 EXPECT WE HAVE AN EXTREMELY HIGH TURNOVER RATE ON THESE OFF  
10 SHIFTS. AND BECAUSE AS SOON AS THE DAY SHIFT BECOMES POSITION  
11 BECOMES OPEN --

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SIR?

14

15 **MELVIN ORPHEY:** YES, SIR.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. DO YOU LIKE TO WRAP  
18 UP?

19

20 **MELVIN ORPHEY:** YES, I WOULD. IN CLOSING, SIR, WE WOULD LIKE  
21 FOR THE L.A. COUNTY TO ADDRESS THE SPECIAL PAY PRACTICE  
22 INCLUDING SHIFT DIFFERENTIALS FOR INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE IN  
23 EMERGENCY ROOMS, MAMMOGRAPHY, BONUSES AND PEOPLE THAT DO  
24 STAND-BY. AND WE HOPE THAT YOU WOULD AGREE WITH US FOR L.A.  
25 COUNTY WORKERS.

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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. ALL  
3 RIGHT. LAST SPEAKER ON THIS ITEM IS DAVID GREEN. MR. GREEN?

4

5 **DAVID GREEN:** HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING US  
6 THE TIME TO ADDRESS YOUR BOARD. AS YOU CAN SEE AND AS YOU CAN  
7 HEAR, THE MAIN IMPORTANT ISSUES WERE DETERMINED TO ADDRESS.  
8 OUR CONTRACTS ALL EXPIRE NEXT WEEK. OVER THE NEXT TWO DAYS,  
9 ALL 23 OF OUR BARGAINING UNITS WILL BE MEETING AT THE PASADENA  
10 CONVENTION CENTER IN AN EFFORT TO REACH A SETTLEMENT. OUR  
11 PROPOSALS ARE REASONABLE. OUR ISSUES ARE REAL. BUT OUR  
12 COMMITMENT IS STRONG. PLEASE WORK WITH THE 55,000 L.A. COUNTY  
13 EMPLOYEES TO GET US THE RESPECT WE DESERVE AND NEED. PLEASE.  
14 THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

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16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU. WE THANK  
17 YOU FOR YOUR PRESENCE THIS MORNING. WE WILL PROCEED. WE HEARD  
18 THE THE FULL TESTIMONY. WE HAVE MORE WORK TO DO TODAY. YOU'RE  
19 WELCOME TO REMAIN AND SPEND THE BALANCE OF YOUR TIME LISTENING  
20 TO THE PUBLIC COMMENT IN OUR CLOSING ITEMS. WE EXPECT TO BE  
21 DONE IN THE NEXT 30 MINUTES OR LESS. IF YOU WISH TO REMAIN,  
22 PLEASE TAKE YOUR SEAT. IF YOU WISH TO LEAVE AT THIS POINT,  
23 WE'D ASK YOU DO IT AS QUIETLY AS YOU POSSIBLY CAN. AGAIN,  
24 THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY AND BEING HERE THIS MORNING.  
25 [APPLAUSE.] ALL RIGHT. BY WAY OF PUBLIC COMMENT. THE FOLLOWING

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1 PEOPLE WISH TO BE HEARD. THERE ARE 13 SUCH INDIVIDUALS. MONIKA  
2 MAYS IF YOU WOULD COME FORWARD? ARNOLD SACHS. DAVID ROSS.  
3 CHRISTINE CHISM, ERIC PREVEN. STENSON TOLLAN, MARKEITHA  
4 HARRIS. THERESA MONROE. ROBERT LUCAS. ROBIN TURNER IN THAT  
5 ORDER, PLEASE IF I CALL YOUR NAME, MAY I ASK THAT YOU COME.  
6 THE TIME IS NOW FOR YOU TO BE HEARD BY WAY OF PUBLIC COMMENT.  
7 MA'AM YOUR NAME.

8

9 **MARKEITHA HARRIS:** MARKEITHA HARRIS. I'M A PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE  
10 WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF AND I'M WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN  
11 AND FAMILY SERVICES. AND I'D LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE VITAL  
12 NECESSITY OF R.N.S BEING SUPERVISED BY R.N.S. BECAUSE THE  
13 R.N.S TRULY UNDERSTAND WHAT THE SAFETY ISSUES ARE IN D.C.F.S.  
14 AND THEY ALSO UNDERSTAND THE JEOPARDY THAT COULD BE CAUSED IF  
15 THINGS ARE LIKE NO POLICY INSTEAD OF A PROTOCOL THEY HAVE A  
16 PROTOCOL INSTEAD OF A POLICY. NURSES ARE REQUIRED TO FOLLOW  
17 POLICY AND NOT PROTOCOLS. AND ALSO I WANT TO TALK ABOUT SO IF  
18 WE COULD GET YOUR ASSISTANCE WITH THAT, THAT WOULD HELP  
19 IMPROVE THE SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN. BECAUSE THAT'S THE NUMBER  
20 1 FACTOR IS SAFETY. A LOT OF THE P.H.N.S THAT ARE CURRENTLY IN  
21 THE DEPARTMENT, THEY KNOW THE PROCESS VERY WELL. SO THE NEW  
22 NURSES NEED TO BE TRAINED ADEQUATELY INSTEAD OF JUST BEING  
23 RELEASED TO SEE THE CHILDREN IN THE FIELDS.

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1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. WELL  
2    STATED. >THERESA MONROE: HELLO, MY NAME IS THERESA MONROE AND  
3    I'M A 16-YEAR NURSE WITH L.A. COUNTY U.S.C. AND I WANT TO COME  
4    ON BEHALF OF OUR PATIENTS. WE ARE REQUESTING THE BOARD OF  
5    SUPERVISORS' ASSISTANCE IN ALTERNATE WORK SCHEDULES. OUR  
6    PATIENTS ARE MISSING APPOINTMENTS BECAUSE WE CAN'T KEEP  
7    CLINICS OPEN. THEY'RE MAKING LIFE DECISIONS WHETHER TO PAY  
8    THEIR LIGHT BILL OR MAKE THEIR DOCTOR APPOINTMENT. WE SEE THEM  
9    AT THE END STAGE OF THEIR DISEASE PROCESS, AND WE ARE NURSES.  
10   WE'RE RALLYING FOR PREVENTION. WE WANT TO BE OFFENSIVE. WE ARE  
11   ASKING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO SUPPORT US WITH OUR  
12   ALTERNATE WORK SCHEDULES AND ALSO WITH OUR CERTIFICATIONS. WE  
13   WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE THE HIGHLY TRAINED NURSES THAT  
14   PROVIDE THE VITAL CARE TO L.A. COUNTY CITIZENS. IN THE BURN  
15   UNIT, WE NEED CERTIFICATIONS. WE TREAT EVERYBODY. THE PATIENTS  
16   THAT KAISER DO NOT WANT TO SEE, L.A. COUNTY SEES. WE TRAIN OUR  
17   MILITARY IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE ARE ASKING FOR THE RESPECT  
18   OF OUR SUPERIORS, FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO SUPPORT US  
19   SO WE CAN GIVE OUR COMMUNITY THE QUALITY THAT THEY DESERVE.  
20   NURSES CAN WORK ANYWHERE, BUT WE CHOOSE TO WORK RIGHT HERE AT  
21   HOME.

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23   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. >THERESA MONROE:  
24   THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

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1   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. ALL RIGHT.  
2   JUST HOLD ON A SECOND. WE'LL WAIT UNTIL THAT MR. GREEN, YOU  
3   BROUGHT THESE PEOPLE HERE NOW, CAN YOU CAUSE THEM TO LEAVE  
4   QUIETLY? THANK YOU SO MUCH. YOU'RE A GREAT, NOBLE AMERICAN,  
5   MR. GREEN. THANK YOU. TRYING TO CONDUCT BUSINESS IN HERE, MR.  
6   GREEN. THANK YOU, MA'AM, YOU MAY PROCEED.

7

8   **FIONA HENLON:** MY NAME IS FIONA HENLON. I'M A RELIEF NURSE AT  
9   L.A. COUNTY U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER. I'VE BEEN THERE FOR THE  
10   LAST 16 YEARS. AND I JUST WANTED YOU GUYS TO THINK ABOUT  
11   RELIEF NURSES. WE FILL IN FOR THE PLACES WHEN NURSES CALL OUT.  
12   WE FLOAT. WE'RE REALLY FLEXIBLE. WE FLOAT TO ALL AREAS OF THE  
13   HOSPITAL. WE WORK ALONGSIDE THE CRITICAL CARE NURSES IN THE  
14   EMERGENCY ROOM. ALL THE MED-SURG FLOORS. SOME OF US HAVE OUR  
15   FLEXIBLE SCHEDULES. I KNOW AT SOME OF THE FACILITIES THEY'RE  
16   GIVING THEM FORCED TO WORK SCHEDULES. WE ALSO WERE LOOKING TO  
17   GET AN INCENTIVE FOR HOLIDAY PAY SO WE CAN HELP MORE ON THE  
18   HOLIDAYS. RIGHT NOW WE GET \$1 AN HOUR. SO WE'RE LOOKING FOR AN  
19   INCENTIVE IN THAT SENSE SO WE CAN HAVE MORE PEOPLE THERE. WE  
20   WON'T HAVE TO CALL IN SO MANY REGISTRY PEOPLE TO COME AND  
21   HELP. AND JUST BE THERE FOR THE PATIENTS AND ALLOW MORE  
22   NURSING CARE AND PROVIDE MORE PATIENT SAFETY. AND I JUST WANT  
23   TO EVERYONE TO RECOGNIZE HOW HARD ALL THE NURSES WORK AND WE  
24   ALL WORK TOGETHER AS A TEAM TO MAKE OUR HOSPITALS LOOK GOOD

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1 AND OUR PATIENTS WANT TO COME TO OUR HOSPITALS FOR CARE. THANK  
2 YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO LISTEN TO US TODAY.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** DULY NOTED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT  
5 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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7 **CHRISTINE CHISM:** MY NAME IS CHRISTINE CHISM. I'M A PARENT.  
8 BEEN IN NURSING FOR 20 YEARS. MY CONCERNS ARE DEALING WITH THE  
9 C.P.S. AND SPECIAL NEEDS KID. I HAVE A SPECIAL NEEDS SON. I  
10 THINK C.P.S. WORKERS SHOULD ALSO DO MENTAL EVALUATIONS THAT  
11 THE KIDS NEED TO BE HEARD, ALSO. I'M DOWN WITH THE SOCIAL  
12 WORKERS. YES, THEY NEED TO BE PAID MORE BECAUSE I'VE BEEN ON  
13 THE OTHER SIDE OF THE FENCE. YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN YOU MIGHT  
14 NEED THAT HELP. WE NEED THE UNDERSTANDING AND THE SUPPORT OF  
15 THE NURSES, THE SOCIAL WORKERS, AND THE COUNTY. I JUST THINK  
16 MENTAL ILLNESS ALSO, AS THE LADY SPOKE EARLIER ON THAT.  
17 EVERYONE SUFFERS FROM SOME TYPE OF MENTAL ILLNESS. IT JUST  
18 DEPENDS ON THE PERSON, BUT ME PERSONALLY I'M REALLY LOOKING  
19 BECAUSE I HAD TO TAKE OFF MY TIME FROM WORK THAT I'VE BEEN  
20 DOING FOR MANY YEARS TO TRY TO DEAL WITH THE C.P.S. HERE. AND  
21 I JUST THINK IT'S OUT OF CONTROL. THE KIDS NEED MORE HELP,  
22 ESPECIALLY SPECIAL NEEDS KIDS. SO THE NURSES SHOULD GET A  
23 RAISE BECAUSE WITHOUT THEM, THERE IS NOTHING. THAT'S SOMETHING  
24 THAT WE'RE GOING TO NEED REGARDLESS, FROM THE BEGINNING TO THE  
25 END. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. LIKEWISE.

3 NEXT, SPEAKER, PLEASE.

4

5 **ROBERT LUCAS:** MY NAME IS ROBERT LUCAS. YOU KNOW, I WAS

6 LISTENING TO THE ORGANIZED PEOPLE COMING IN WITH THEIR ISSUES

7 OF WAGE AND STUFF. YOU KNOW, THERE'S A LOT OF ENERGY. AND WHAT

8 I HEARD WAS A LOT OF LACKING AS FAR AS EARNINGS. I DON'T KNOW.

9 I SPEND A LOT OF TIME THROUGH THE WEEK WITH PEOPLE WHO WOULD

10 BE WILLING JUST GIVEN A CHANCE TO DO ANYTHING, TO BE

11 PRODUCTIVE. AND I KNOW FOR ME, IF I AM OVERBURDENED

12 FINANCIALLY, I'M HAVING TROUBLE MAKING ENDS MEET, I KNOW IN

13 ORDER TO MAKE A CHANGE, I NEED TO START CUTTING SOME CORNERS.

14 MAKE MY LIFE A LITTLE BIT MORE SIMPLE. BECAUSE I DO KNOW THIS,

15 THAT THERE'S A WORKFORCE OUT THERE THAT GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY

16 AND THE CHANCE WOULD BE VERY SATISFIED WITH WHAT THERE IS. NOT

17 WITH WHAT THEY WANT. THERE'S A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HAVING A

18 WANT AND HAVING A NEED. SOMETIMES THAT GETS A LITTLE

19 CONFUSING. SOMETIMES THESE WANTS GET PUT IN THE CATEGORY OF A

20 NEED. IT'S FINE TO HAVE ALL THE ENERGY AND COME DOWN AS AN

21 ORGANIZATION AND BRING ALL THAT GOOD ENERGY, WHEN IT PADS YOUR

22 OWN POCKET. COME DOWN SOME OF THE OTHER WEEKS OF THE YEAR JUST

23 FOR THE SAKE OF FINDING OUT WHAT'S REALLY GOING ON AND HOW

24 MANY PEOPLE ARE TRULY IN NEED.

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1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. WE'LL  
2    LISTEN NOW TO THE NEXT SPEAKER, SIR.

3

4    **STENSON TOLLAN:** MY NAME IS STENSON TOLLAN. I WORK FOR THE CITY  
5    OF SANTA MONICA 22-1/2 YEARS. I AM STANDING UP FOR THE SENIOR  
6    CITIZEN LIKE A ROLE MODEL. THEY MISTREAT THE SENIOR CITIZENS.  
7    I'M A VICTIM FAMILY. I'D LIKE THE SUPERVISORS TO STAND WITH  
8    ME, HELP THE SENIOR CITIZENS TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF THEM AND WHEN  
9    YOU CALL THE ELDER ABUSE THEY DON'T DO NOTHING ABOUT IT AND  
10   SOMETHING NEEDS TO BE DONE ABOUT IT. AND I WISH ALL OF YOU  
11   SUPERVISORS STAND WITH ME TO HELP ME FOR THE SENIOR CITIZENS  
12   BECAUSE ONE DAY YOU'LL GET OLDER AND YOU'LL NEED THE HELP,  
13   TOO, YOU SEE. AND THAT'S WHAT I'M ALL ABOUT NOW, HELPING THE  
14   SENIOR CITIZENS. I THANK YOU.

15

16   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AND WEE THANK YOU. CARRY ON.

17

18   **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. ARNOLD SACHS.  
19   EIGHT YEARS, NINE YEARS COMING IN, YOU HAVE A SPLIT PUBLIC  
20   COMMENT LIKE THAT? I'VE NEVER SEEN YOU DISMISS PEOPLE FROM A  
21   PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA SO THAT THEY WON'T BE HERE TO LISTEN TO  
22   THE REST OF THE PEOPLE SPEAK IN PUBLIC COMMENT? HOW PHONY THAT  
23   IS. JUST UNBELIEVABLE. ANYWAY, I LOOKED AT SOME NOTES HERE.  
24   SOMETHING ABOUT DIVERSION ABOUT THIS. SOMETHING ABOUT THE  
25   MINIMUM WAGE. FOR THE 45,000 MEMBERS OF THE S.E.I.U., WHEN

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1 THEY WERE HERE FOR THE IN-HOME HEALTHCARE WORKERS WITH  
2 120,000, 40,000 WORKERS. YOU HAD TO BRING IN PEOPLE FROM SAN  
3 BERNADINO COUNTY TO FILL UP THE AUDITORIUM TO MAKE IT LOOK  
4 LIKE EVERYBODY SUPPORTED YOU. DIDN'T MENTION ANYTHING ABOUT  
5 THAT. SOMETHING THAT CAUGHT MY EYE AND I MEANT TO BRING IT UP  
6 ABOUT THE DIVERSION PROGRAM. THE STORY FROM AUGUST 12, 2015  
7 AND IT MENTIONED THIS IS WHEN YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT ALL THE  
8 DIVERSION STUFF AND HOW GUNG HO THE CITY, THE COUNTY IS GOING  
9 TO BE. SOME OF THE ROUGHLY 10 MILLION A YEAR FOR DIVERSION  
10 WILL COME FROM STATE MONEY SET ASIDE FOR SUPERVISING AND  
11 HELPING THE OFFENDERS. AND THAT NUMBER STUCK IN ME. TEN  
12 MILLION. YOU IN L.A. CITY YOU'RE GOING TO SPEND \$10 MILLION TO  
13 HOUSE 50 HOMELESS PEOPLE IN L.A. CITY AND YOU'RE GOING TO  
14 SPEND \$10 MILLION DOLLARS ON DIVERSION PROGRAMS FOR 1,000  
15 MENTALLY ILL. EITHER WE GOT BEAT DOWN FOR THE \$10 MILLION THE  
16 FIRST TIME OR WE'VE TAKEN A BEATING ON THE SECOND TIME BECAUSE  
17 IT'S \$10 MILLION. AND THAT'S THE MATH. THIS IS A STORY FOR  
18 YOU, MS. KUEHL, A QUIZ. THIS IS FROM AN ARTICLE FROM 1-2-'13  
19 IN THE L.A. TIMES. IT'S A QUESTION. "WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE  
20 BETWEEN A MOSQUITO AND A LAWYER? ONE'S A BLOOD SUCKING  
21 PARASITE, THE OTHER IS AN INSECT."

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23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE, THANK YOU.

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1   **ROBIN TURNER:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME'S ROBIN TURNER AND I'M  
2   WITH A COMPANY THAT HAS HAD THE PRIVILEGE TO WORK WITH THE  
3   COUNTY FOR THE PAST 20 YEARS. WE ARE AN S.B.E., W.B.E.,  
4   D.B.E., C.B.E. AND A WHOLE BUNCH OF OTHER CERTIFICATION FIRMS  
5   AND WE HAVE A PROJECT THAT IS A COUNTY PROJECT, VERY HIGH  
6   PROFILE PROJECT. AND IN WHICH WE ARE HAVING PROBLEMS GETTING  
7   PAID NOT BY THE COUNTY BUT WE ARE ALWAYS A SUBCONSULTANT TO  
8   THE COUNTY. AND WHAT I WANT TO BRING TO YOU THIS MORNING IS  
9   THAT THE COUNTY HAS DONE A WONDERFUL JOB OF HIRING SMALL FIRMS  
10   THAT ARE DISADVANTAGED OR COMMUNITY-BASED. BUT THAT'S AS FAR  
11   AS THE COUNTY GOES. SO I'VE HAD INVOICES THAT HAVEN'T BEEN  
12   PAID FROM 6 TO 12 MONTHS. AND THE REASON IS IS BECAUSE MY  
13   CONTRACTOR SITS ON THE INVOICES AND DOESN'T TURN THEM INTO THE  
14   COUNTY FOR MONTHS ON END. THE PROBLEM IS THE COUNTY SEES THAT  
15   THEY'RE PAYING WITHIN THE PROMPT PAYMENT ACT TIME BECAUSE IT  
16   LOOKS LIKE THAT, BUT THERE'S NO CHECKS AND BALANCES THAT THE  
17   COUNTY HAS TO ASSURE THE SMALL BUSINESS THAT THEY'RE ACTUALLY  
18   GETTING PAID. SO THAT'S WHAT I'M HERE FOR TODAY, TO SEE IF  
19   THERE'S A WAY THAT WE CAN GET SOMETHING IN PLACE. I ACTUALLY  
20   INSTIGATED THE ONE THAT METRO NOW HAS. AND I WOULD LIKE THE  
21   COUNTY TO LOOK INTO THIS.

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23   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
24   SUPERVISOR KNABE HAS A RESPONSE.

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1   **SUP. KNABE:** YES, MR. CHAIRMAN. WE WILL HAVE SOMEONE FROM MY  
2   STAFF VISIT WITH YOU. WE'RE TYING THIS ALL INTO THE CONCIERGE  
3   ISSUE WITH THE SMALL BUSINESS FOLKS.

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5   **ROBIN TURNER:** THANK YOU.

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7   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. SOMEONE IS COMING.

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9   **SUP. KNABE:** SOMEONE WILL COME. DON'T LEAVE.

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11   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR.

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13   **SUP. KNABE:** HE'S OVER HERE.

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15   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THERE ARE THREE ADDITIONAL PERSONS WOULD  
16   WISH TO BE HEARD. THANK YOU. JACQUELINE ESCALANTE, MICHAEL  
17   RABI? FINALLY OSCAR MUHAMMAD. IN THAT ORDER, PLEASE.

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19   **JACQUELINE ESCALANTE:** GOOD MORNING, THANK YOU FOR LISTENING TO  
20   ME. MY NAME IS JACQUELINE ESCALANTE. I AM A BURN I.C.U. NURSE.  
21   I HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED WITH THE COUNTY OF L.A. FOR ABOUT 10  
22   YEARS. ON BEHALF OF THE BURN I.C.U. NURSES, BEING THAT WE TAKE  
23   CARE OF KAISER PATIENTS BECAUSE THE KAISER NURSES CAN'T TAKE  
24   CARE OF THAT HIGH ACUITY SO THEY GET SENT TO US, WE'RE ASKING  
25   FOR AN I.C.U. RETENTION BONUS. AN I.C.U. BONUS AND A RETENTION



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1 BONUS, BEING THAT THE COUNTY SPENDS ABOUT \$85,000 TRAINING A  
2 NEW NURSE, AND THEN THEY DON'T LIKE IT BECAUSE IT'S TOO HIGH  
3 OF AN ACUITY FOR THEM SO THEY GO WORK FOR KAISER, ANOTHER  
4 PRIVATE HOSPITAL. NOBODY WANTS TO STAY. FOR US EXPERIENCED  
5 NURSES HAVE BEEN THERE, WE'RE NOT GETTING PAID ENOUGH TO WANT  
6 TO CONTINUE TO STAY THERE. SO WE NEED RAISES. WE NEED I.C.U.  
7 BONUS RAISES. WE NEED RETENTION RAISES. WE NEED -- I'M  
8 CURRENTLY WORKING ON MY MASTER'S. COUNTY IS NOT PAYING FOR  
9 THAT. I'M PAYING FOR IT OUT OF MY POCKET. WE NEED ONE OF THOSE  
10 INCENTIVES, AS WELL. I BELIEVE THAT'S IT. SO WE DO WANT TO FOR  
11 THE COUNTY OR I WILL HAVE TO GO WORK FOR KAISER OR THE  
12 PRIVATE. THAT'S PRETTY MUCH IT.

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14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WHERE ARE YOU WORKING ON YOUR MASTER'S?

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16 **JACQUELINE ESCALANTE:** I'M GOING TO ASUZA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY.  
17 JUST TO BE A NURSE PRACTITIONER.

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19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** EXCELLENT.

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21 **JACQUELINE ESCALANTE:** WHAT ELSE WAS I GOING TO SAY? I'M HERE  
22 ON MY DAY OFF. I'M NOT GETTING PAID TO BE HERE.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I UNDERSTAND. WE THANK YOU. WE ACKNOWLEDGE  
25 THAT.

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2 **JACQUELINE ESCALANTE:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU FOR LISTENING.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** INDEED. NEXT SPEAKER? MR.RABI.

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6 **MICHAEL RABI:** MY NAME IS MICHAEL RABI. I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF  
7 S.E.I.U. 721 AS WELL AS THE SOCIAL WORKERS IN THE HAWTHORNE  
8 I.H.S.S. OFFICE. OUR CONTRACT IS GOING TO BE ENDING ON THE  
9 30TH, SO WE HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT GETTING OUR NEW CONTRACT AS  
10 WELL AS A PAY INCREASE TO MATCH THE STANDARDS OF LIVING THAT  
11 ARE NOW GOING ON. A COUPLE OTHER ISSUES THAT I WANT TO BRING  
12 FORWARD IS THE IMMENSE CASELOAD THAT THE SOCIAL WORKERS ARE  
13 GOING THROUGH RIGHT NOW WITH OUR CASELOADS WELL OVER 500  
14 CASES. WE HAVE TO SEE THESE INDIVIDUALS ONE AT A TIME  
15 THROUGHOUT THE YEAR WHEN OUR M.O.U. IS ONLY AT 249 WHICH WE'RE  
16 CONTRACTUALLY OBLIGATED TO SEE. ALSO, OUR BILINGUAL STAFF IS  
17 BEING TAXED TO THE END BECAUSE WE ARE NOT HAVING ADEQUATE  
18 STAFFING TO BRING IN CLERKS TO ASSIST US WITH THE PROVIDERS  
19 WHO ARE TAKING CARE OF OUR ELDERLY CITIZENS. WE'RE JUST ASKING  
20 FOR A FEW MODEST CHANGES FOR STAFFING TO BRING DOWN OUR  
21 CASELOADS SO THAT WE CAN MORE EFFECTIVELY DO OUR JOBS.

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23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AND WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY, MR.  
24 ROBBY. TAKE CARE. MR. MOHAMMED.

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1 **OSCAR MOHAMMED:** YES, SIR. MY NAME IS OSCAR MOHAMMED. I SPEAK  
2 FOR THE OPPRESSED. I SPEAK FOR THE STRUGGLING POOR AND I SPEAK  
3 FOR CULTURE CHANGE. BUT I WAS TALKING ONCE LAST WEEK ABOUT HOW  
4 BLACK AMERICA IS DIVIDED IN LOS ANGELES. AND I WAS SAYING THAT  
5 THE LOS ANGELES WAS THE MOST WORST DIVIDED THE CITY THE BLACK  
6 PEOPLE LIVE IN. BUT THERE'S ONLY 400,000 BLACKS IN LOS  
7 ANGELES. BUT I WENT TO THE INTERNET AND NEW YORK WITH 3  
8 MILLION BLACK PEOPLE LIVE IN, I SAW THEY WERE MORE UNIFIED BUT  
9 PERSON IN NEW YORK THEY HAVE UNEMPLOYMENT RATES AND NEW YORK  
10 IS NUMBER 1 MOST DIVIDED CITY WHERE BLACKS LIVE AND LOS  
11 ANGELES NUMBER 2. BUT WE NEED POLITICAL RESPONSIBILITY. WE  
12 SHOULD BE POLITICAL RESPONSIBILITY. AND I SEE THAT THE PEOPLE  
13 THAT ARE FEELING THE WORST EFFECTS FOR US BEING DIVIDED IS THE  
14 AFRICAN-AMERICAN FEMALES, THE ADULTS DISABLED FEMALES IS IN  
15 CHRISTIANITY THEY REALLY NEED MORE SUPPORT AND NOT GETTING  
16 ANY. WE SHOULD TRY TO CHANGE SKID ROW DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES. WE  
17 SHOULD BE BRINGING MORE RESPONSIBILITIES INTO SOCIETY. BUT LOS  
18 ANGELES DOWNTOWN SKID ROW IS THE ONLY PLACE WHERE THE BLACK  
19 HOMELESS PEOPLE LIVES ON THE SIDEWALK IN THE LAND OF PLENTY AND  
20 HAVE THE TYPE OF CONDUCT ALL DAY LONG. NO OTHER CITY IN  
21 AMERICA DO THAT. WE SHOULD TRY TO CHANGE THIS DOGMATIC,  
22 INHUMANE GOVERNMENT. WE SHOULD END POLICE BRUTALITY. WE SHOULD  
23 HAVE MORE RESPONSIBILITY IN OUR LIFE. IT SEEMS WE ARE LEFT TO  
24 CREATE OUR DAILY LIFE. LIKE WE HAVE ONE DAY CREATED FOR THE  
25 CHRISTIANS ON SUNDAY, ONE DAY CREATED FOR THE MUSLIM ISLAM IS

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1 ON FRIDAY. AND IT'S HARD, VERY HARD FOR US TO CELEBRATE TRUE  
2 LIBERTY WITHOUT THE CREATOR, THOUGH. AND WE HAVE FREEDOM,  
3 THOUGH. WE HAVE FALSE FREEDOM AND TRUE FREEDOM. GOD GIVE US  
4 CHOICE, THOUGH. FREEDOM WITHOUT AUTHORITY IS FROM SATAN.  
5 FREEDOM WITH AUTHORITY IS FROM THE CREATOR.

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7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY, SIR. AND  
8 WE HAVE NOW CLOSED THE PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION OF OUR AGENDA.  
9 MEMBERS, WE ARE NOW AT OUR ADJOURNING MOTIONS AND WHATEVER  
10 SPECIALS YOU MAY HAVE. WE BEGIN WITH THE FOURTH DISTRICT  
11 FOLLOWED BY THE THIRD DISTRICT. AND I WILL CLOSE AND THEN MOVE  
12 TOWARD EXECUTIVE SESSION. SUPERVISOR KNABE.

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14 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. TWO  
15 ADJOURNMENTS TODAY, A COUPLE VERY DEAR FRIENDS. FIRST OF ALL  
16 KELVIN WILKERSON. ONE OF OUR RANCHO LOS AMIGOS NATIONAL  
17 REHABILITATION ARTISTS WHO PASSED AWAY IN HIS SLEEP THIS PAST  
18 FRIDAY. HE WAS ONLY 57. KELVIN WAS BORN AND RAISED IN LOS  
19 ANGELES AND HAD A VERY BIG, HUGE PASSION FOR PAINTING. TURNED  
20 OUT TO BE A TALENTED AND SUPERB ARTIST. IN 2001 HE SUFFERED A  
21 VERY DEBILITATING STROKE AND REHABILITATED AT RANCHO WHERE THE  
22 STAFF ENCOURAGED HIM TO ATTEND ONE OF OUR PAINTING PROGRAMS.  
23 HE DID. HIS PAINTINGS HAVE BEEN DISPLAYED, CONTINUE TO BE  
24 DISPLAYED AT THE ART OF RANCHO EXHIBITS. AND, IN FACT, ONE OF  
25 MY FAVORITE PAINTINGS OF HIS IS HANGING IN THE RECEPTION AREA

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1 OF MY OFFICE, ONE OF MR. RAY CHARLES. KELVIN INSPIRED MANY  
2 OTHER PATIENTS AND MANY WHO VISITED RANCHO WITH HIS POSITIVE  
3 ATTITUDE AND MORE IMPORTANT HIS ARTISTIC TALENT. HE WAS HUMBLE  
4 AND GRATEFUL AND ONCE STATED "EVEN WHEN I'M PHYSICALLY  
5 CHALLENGED BY EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED TO MY BODY, MY SPIRIT  
6 SOARS EACH TIME I PUT A PAINT BRUSH. ART MAKES ME STRONGER AND  
7 GIVES ME MUCH TO LOOK FORWARD TO IN LIFE. I THANK MY FRIENDS  
8 AT RANCHO FOR BELIEVING IN ME AND HELPING ME BELIEVE IN  
9 MYSELF." HE WILL BE DEARLY MISSED BY HIS MANY FRIENDS, STAFF  
10 AND FAMILY AT RANCHO. SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE YVONNE, SON CARL,  
11 DAUGHTER TRACEY AND THREE WONDERFUL GRANDCHILDREN. KELVIN  
12 WILKERSON. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF A GOOD FRIEND,  
13 MR. JOHN HUNTLY, THE FUNDER OF A.B.C. TRAFFIC PROGRAMS WHO  
14 PASSED AWAY ON SEPTEMBER 18TH AT THE AGE OF 73. BORN AND  
15 RAISED IN OKLAHOMA BEFORE MOVING TO CALIFORNIA, HE MARRIED THE  
16 LOVE OF HIS LIFE, MICHELLE, AND TOGETHER THEY RAISED TWO  
17 DAUGHTERS. HIS LAW ENFORCEMENT CAREER BEGAN WITH THE L.A.P.D.  
18 AND SUBSEQUENTLY TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S  
19 DEPARTMENT WHERE HE RETIRED AS A SERGEANT. EDUCATION WAS  
20 ALWAYS SO IMPORTANT TO HIM THAT HE DECIDED TO TEACH CRIMINAL  
21 JUSTICE AT ARTESIA HIGH SCHOOL AND CERRITOS COLLEGE BEFORE HE  
22 OPENED HIS OWN BUSINESS, A.B.C. TRAFFIC PROGRAMS. SURVIVED BY  
23 HIS WIFE, MICHELE, TWO DAUGHTERS, SERENE AND KIMBERLY AND FIVE  
24 BEAUTIFUL GRANDCHILDREN. GOOD FRIEND. JOHN WILL BE MISSED.  
25 THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. KNABE. MS. KUEHL.

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4 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. I'M SORRY TO SAY I  
5 HAVE SIX ADJOURNMENTS TODAY. I MOVE WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE  
6 DO SO IN MEMORY OF DONNY "CONN" CLAPS, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF  
7 MALIBU, SONGWRITER, PERFORMER, RECENTLY PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE  
8 OF 85. BORN IN WATERBURY, CONNECTICUT, STARTED PLAYING DRUMS  
9 AT A VERY YOUNG AGE. TOOK THE STAGE NAMED DONNY CONN.

10 GRADUATED FROM UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT WHERE HE HELPED FOUND  
11 BETA SIGMA GAMMA, THE FIRST INTERCULTURAL AND INTERRACIAL  
12 FRATERNITY IN NEW ENGLAND. AS A MEMBER OF THE NOVELTY POP  
13 GROUP, THE NITWITS, WHO SOON CHANGED THEIR NAME TO BETTER  
14 KNOWN PLAYMATES, HE TOURED NORTH AMERICA AND CO-WROTE THEIR  
15 BEST SELLING HIT, THE NOVELTY TUNE "BEEP BEEP" ABOUT THE BRAVE  
16 LITTLE NASH RAMBLER THAT BEAT A CADILLAC WHILE STUCK IN SECOND  
17 GEAR. IT SPENT 12 WEEKS ON THE BILLBOARD TOP 40 CHART. EARNED  
18 A GOLD RECORD. SOLD MORE THAN A MILLION COPIES, WHICH IN THOSE  
19 DAYS WAS PRETTY BIG. PLAYMATES WENT ON TO RECORD FOUR ALBUMS  
20 BEFORE DISBANDING, AFTER WHICH DONNY LAUNCHED A SUCCESSFUL  
21 CAREER AS A STANDUP COMEDIAN AND LATER MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER,  
22 COACH AND AUTHOR. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 58 YEARS,  
23 JOANNA, THREE CHILDREN, KIELA, STEVEN AND KOBY, AND TWO  
24 GRANDCHILDREN, AMANDA AND KELLY. AND, COLLEAGUES, I MOVE THAT  
25 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JACKIE COLLINS,

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1 LONGTIME RESIDENT OF THE THIRD DISTRICT, PRETTY WELL KNOWN,  
2 BEST SELLING AUTHOR FOR NEARLY 50 YEARS. RECENTLY PASSED AWAY  
3 AT THE AGE OF 77 FOLLOWING A SIX-YEAR BATTLE WITH BREAST  
4 CANCER. SHE WAS BORN IN LONDON, FASCINATED WITH WRITING FROM A  
5 VERY EARLY AGE."THE WORLD IS FULL OF MARRIED MEN", WAS A  
6 NOTORIOUS POT-BOILER THAT WAS DENOUNCED BY A MEMBER OF  
7 PARLIAMENT AS THE DIRTIEST BOOK HE'D EVER READ. BUT IT WAS  
8 ONLY THE FIRST OF MORE THAN 30 INTERNATIONAL BEST SELLERS THAT  
9 TOGETHER SOLD MORE THAN 500 MILLION COPIES AROUND THE WORLD.  
10 SHE'S SURVIVED BY THREE CHILDREN, TRACEY, TIFFANY AND RORY,  
11 AND HER SISTER, ACTRESS JOAN COLLINS. COLLEAGUES, I MOVE THAT  
12 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ALLEN PURWIN,  
13 LONGTIME RESIDENT OF MALIBU, A PILOT, OWNER OF A FLEET  
14 HELICOPTER FIRM, DIED TRAGICALLY AT THE AGE OF 54 IN A PLANE  
15 CRASH. BORN AND RAISED IN SAN FERNANDO VALLEY TO A FATHER WHO  
16 WAS A WEEKEND PRIVATE PILOT, DEVELOPED AN INTEREST IN AVIATION  
17 EARLY IN LIFE AND RECEIVED HIS OWN PILOT'S LICENSE AT THE AGE  
18 OF 16. AFTER HONING HIS SKILLS AS A CROP DUSTER IN THE  
19 MIDWEST, HE RETURNED TO CALIFORNIA AND BEGAN WORK IN THE  
20 ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY FLYING HELICOPTERS AND STAGING  
21 HELICOPTER CHASES. HE PARLAYED HIS SKILL AND SUCCESS INTO HIS  
22 OWN FIRM, HELINET WHICH CONTRACTED WITH NEWS ORGANIZATIONS,  
23 PRODUCTION COMPANIES, LAW ENFORCEMENT AND MEDICAL TRANSPORT  
24 SERVICES. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE KATHERYN, CHILDREN KYLE  
25 AND MICHELA, MOTHER, BROTHER, SISTER. COLLEAGUES, I MOVE THAT



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1 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF A GOOD FRIEND  
2 ROBERTA BOARDMAN, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF NORTHRIDGE, RECENTLY  
3 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 76 AFTER A LONG ILLNESS FROM LUNG  
4 CANCER. BORN AND RAISED IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, SHE WAS A  
5 SELF-PROCLAIMED ORIGINAL VALLEY GIRL WHO BEGAN HER LIFE OF  
6 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, LEARNING AT THE KNEE OF HER ATTORNEY  
7 FATHER. HER NUMEROUS VOLUNTEER EFFORTS INCLUDE THE GIRL  
8 SCOUTS, VISTA, MOTHERS AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING, GUADALUPE YOUTH  
9 CENTER, SHERWOOD FOREST HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, 4-H CLUBS,  
10 LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS, GREATER LOS ANGELES ZOO ASSOCIATION,  
11 MID-VALLEY POLICE COUNCIL, L.A. PHILHARMONIC AFFILIATES AND  
12 THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL WOMEN'S  
13 POLITICAL CAUCUS. HER PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT IN HER  
14 COMMUNITY INCLUDED SERVICES DEPUTY TO L.A. CITY COUNCIL  
15 MEMBERS JOY PICUS AND JOEL WACHS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE  
16 TARZANA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE  
17 CALIFORNIA STATE P.T.A. IN THEIR SPARE TIME, IF YOU BELIEVE  
18 THEY HAD ANY, SHE AND HER HUSBAND, DALLAS, LOVED TO TRAVEL THE  
19 WORLD. LOCALLY TOOLING AROUND TOWN IN ONE OF THEIR CHERISHED  
20 VINTAGE AUTOS INCLUDING A 1931 FORD, SLANT-WINDOW, FOUR-DOOR  
21 SEDAN. A 28 FORD COUP WITH RUMBLE SEAT A DELORIAN AND A  
22 CLASSIC MUSTANG. SHE WILL BE DEEPLY, DEEPLY MISSED BY FAMILY,  
23 FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS FOR HER PROFOUND DEDICATION FOR MAKING  
24 HER COMMUNITY A BETTER PLACE FOR EVERYONE. SHE'S SURVIVED BY  
25 HER CHILDREN, BRIDGET WINNETT, JULIE WHITE, WENDY COX AND

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1 ROBERT BOARDMAN. NINE GRANDCHILDREN, THREE GREAT  
2 GRANDCHILDREN, AND HER TWIN SISTERS SHANNON SILVERMAN AND  
3 VIRGINIA KELLEY. HER HUSBAND DALLAS PREDECEASED HER IN 2009.  
4 COLLEAGUES, I ASK WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY  
5 OF ALAN KAPLAN, LONG- TIME RESIDENT OF L.A. COUNTY, TEACHER  
6 FOR 33 YEARS AT HAMILTON HIGH SCHOOL. RECENTLY PASSED AWAY AT  
7 THE AGE OF 60 FOLLOWING COMPLICATIONS FROM SURGERY. HE WAS A  
8 GIFTED INSTRUCTOR, AND HE MOTIVATED AND INSPIRED THOUSANDS OF  
9 STUDENTS OVER THE COURSE OF HIS TEACHING CAREER. HE WAS  
10 CHERISHED BY HIS FELLOW TEACHERS AS A WARM AND SUPPORTIVE  
11 COLLEAGUE. WITH HIS WIFE ERIN, HE LOVED TRAVELING, DINING OUT,  
12 DEBATING CURRENT AFFAIRS AND SHARING THE LATEST STORIES FROM  
13 "THE NEW YORKER" OR "THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY," AT RAISING THEIR  
14 HOUSEHOLD OF RESCUE DOGS. HE WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED AND FONDLY  
15 REMEMBERED BY ALL OF US FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO KNOW HIM, LOVE HIM  
16 AND LEARN FROM HIM. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE ERIN, HIS MOTHER  
17 BERNICE, HIS SISTER, HIS NEPHEW, HIS NIECE AND OTHER FAMILY  
18 MEMBERS AND MANY, MANY FRIENDS. THANK YOU.

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20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. I ASK THAT  
21 YOU JOIN ME IN ADJOURNING IN MEMORY OF DR. WILLIAM H. GRIER,  
22 BORN FEBRUARY 7, 1926 IN BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA. HE PASSED ON  
23 SEPTEMBER 3RD. AT THE AGE OF 89 IN CARLSBAD. HE GRADUATED WITH  
24 A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE FROM HOWARD UNIVERSITY AND EARNED  
25 HIS MEDICAL DEGREE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN. HE SERVED

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1 OVERSEAS IN THE U.S. ARMY DURING THE KOREAN WAR AND OBTAINED  
2 THE RANK OF CAPTAIN. HE MOVED BACK TO DETROIT WHERE HE  
3 ESTABLISHED THE PRIVATE PSYCHIATRIC PRACTICE. HE TAUGHT AT  
4 WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY. IN 1968 HE AND HIS COLLEAGUE, DR.  
5 PRICE M. COBBS, AUTHORED A BOOK ON RACE ENTITLED "BLACK RAGE"  
6 WHICH DREW WIDESPREAD ATTENTION IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE  
7 ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. IT BECAME THE  
8 REQUIRED READING IN COLLEGES AND CLASSROOMS ON PSYCHODYNAMICS  
9 IN RACE RELATIONS ACROSS THE NATION. DRS. GREER AND COBBS,  
10 TOGETHER RAN A PSYCHIATRIC CLINIC IN SAN FRANCISCO WHERE THE  
11 FOCUS WAS ON THE PSYCHOLOGICAL RATHER THAN THE ECONOMIC  
12 CONSEQUENCES OF RACISM AND DREW ON CASE STUDIES ABOUT AFRICAN-  
13 AMERICANS AND THEIR SELF-ESTEEM AND THE RANGE OF ISSUES THAT  
14 INFORMED THE LIVES OF THIS PARTICULAR SOCIOECONOMIC AND ETHNIC  
15 GROUP. HE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HIS DEDICATION TO HELPING  
16 RAISE THE AWARENESS OF THE PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECTS OF RACISM. HE  
17 IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE CONNIE, HIS SON DAVID ALAN GRIER, HIS  
18 DAUGHTER ELIZABETH, STEPSON DEDREK, DAUGHTER SAMINAH, AND TWO  
19 GRANDCHILDREN, COLLEAGUES AND STUDENTS AND MEMBERS OF THE  
20 MEDICAL COMMUNITY WHO WILL NOTE HIS WORK AND REMEMBER HIM  
21 FONDLY. JESSE JOHNSON, BORN ON DECEMBER 12, 1932 IN DALLAS,  
22 TEXAS AND PASSED ON SEPTEMBER THE 8TH AT THE AGE OF 83 AFTER A  
23 BATTLE WITH CANCER. AFTER GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL HE  
24 RELOCATED TO LOS ANGELES. HE MARRIED BETTY JOHNSON IN 1972 AND  
25 THIS YEAR THEY CELEBRATED THEIR 43RD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY. HE

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1 WAS A PROFESSIONAL TRUCK DRIVER AND A DISTRIBUTOR FOR SEVERAL  
2 TRUCKING COMPANIES AND IN PARTICULAR BOHEMIAN DISTRIBUTING  
3 COMPANY FOR SOME 30 YEARS UNTIL THE TIME OF HIS RETIREMENT. HE  
4 WAS A COMMUNITY ACTIVIST AND A STAUNCH MEMBER OF THE TEAMSTERS  
5 UNION LOCAL 848. HE TOOK PRIDE IN HIS COMMUNITY AND CHAIRMAN  
6 OF THE BURNSIDE AVENUE BLOCK CLUB. MEMBERS OFTEN REFER TO HIM  
7 AS "MR. MAYOR." HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE N.A.A.C.P. AND SERVED  
8 ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ESQUIRE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB. HE  
9 RECEIVED NUMEROUS COMMENDATIONS AND AWARDS FOR HIS TREMENDOUS  
10 WORK IN SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE  
11 SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH FOR SOME 42 YEARS AND SERVED AS VICE  
12 PRESIDENT AND ASSISTANT TREASURER OF THE MEN'S BREAKFAST CLUB.  
13 IN ADDITION TO BEING AN USHER FOR SOME 30 YEARS, HE ENJOYED  
14 SINGING AND WAS A MEMBER OF THE CHOIR. IN 1988, HE AND HIS  
15 FAMILY WERE NAMED AS FAMILY OF THE YEAR, AN HONOR WHICH MADE  
16 HIM EXTREMELY PROUD. MR. JOHNSON LOVED SPORTS AND JAZZ, GOOD  
17 FOOD, THE OUTDOORS AND TRAVELING, AND HE WILL BE REMEMBERED AS  
18 AN EXTRAORDINARY HUSBAND, FATHER, MENTOR, FRIEND AND FAITHFUL  
19 SERVANT. I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO INDICATE THAT HE IS  
20 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE BETTY, SON ALEX, DAUGHTER CICELY AND A  
21 HOST OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND MEMBERS OF THE SECOND BAPTIST  
22 CHURCH WHO WILL MISS HIM TREMENDOUSLY. JESSE JOHNSON, FATHER  
23 OF ALICE JOHNSON. GLORIA ALLEN NABRIT. GLORIA WAS BORN ON  
24 JANUARY 23RD IN 1935 IN COLUMBUS, GEORGIA AND PASSED ON  
25 SEPTEMBER THE 7TH AT THE AGE OF 80. SHE EARNED A BACHELOR'S

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1 DEGREE IN VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND A MASTER'S DEGREE IN PUBLIC  
2 HEALTH FROM CAL STATE UNIVERSITY LOS ANGELES. SHE WORKED FOR  
3 45 YEARS IN THE MEDICAL AMINISTRATIVE AND PUBLIC HEALTH FIELDS  
4 INCLUDING 25 YEARS AS PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. OF THE KEDREN  
5 COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER HERE IN LOS ANGELES. SHE SERVED ON  
6 SEVERAL FEDERAL COMMITTEES UNDER FOUR U.S. PRESIDENTS,  
7 COLLABORATED WITH CONGRESS PERSONS ON HEALTH, ISSUES RELATED  
8 TO THOSE WHO ARE MENTALLY DISABLED. SHE WAS ALSO A GOVERNOR'S  
9 APPOINTEE FOR THE HEALTH FACILITIES LICENSING BOARD OF THE  
10 STATE OF CALIFORNIA. NABRID WAS A NUMBER OF SEVERAL  
11 ORGANIZATION, DELTA SIGMA BETA SORORITY, THE NATIONAL ADVISORY  
12 COMMITTEE, LOS ANGELES COMMISSION FOR WOMEN, CALIFORNIA  
13 COUNCIL ON MENTAL HEALTH AND THE MAYOR'S CENTRAL CITIES  
14 TASKFORCE. SHE WILL BE REMEMBERED AS A LOVING MOTHER AND  
15 GRANDMOTHER, A KIND AND GENEROUS EMPLOYER AND A COMMUNITY  
16 SERVANT. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTER VICKI, HER  
17 GRANDDAUGHTERS FAWN, MICHAEL, AND SIBLINGS ELIZABETH, EMMA,  
18 JUDGE JOHN ALLEN, VIRGINIA, MELINDA AND ROSE WILL ALL MISS HER  
19 VERY DEARLY. GLORIA ALLEN NABRIT. THERE WAS A FINAL PERSON  
20 WISHING TO BE HEARD ADDRESSING THE ISSUE OF VETERANS. AND WE  
21 CALL JOHN AARON IF HE WOULD COME AT THIS TIME, AFTER WHICH  
22 TIME WE WILL ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION. MR. AARON?

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24 **JOHN AARON:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, FOR ACCOMMODATING ME. I  
25 DIDN'T REALIZE YOU HAD AN ABBREVIATED SCHEDULE. I WAS HERE

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1 LAST WEEK TO POINT OUT THE CONFLICT BETWEEN THE BOARD'S  
2 POSITION IN YOUR LETTER TO AN A.C.L.U. ATTORNEY IN 2014  
3 SUPPORTING JUDGE OTERO'S DECISION FINDING NINE LEASES,  
4 INCLUDING THE LEASE TO U.C.L.A. BASEBALL STADIUM AT THE  
5 VETERANS AFFAIRS PROPERTY TO BE ILLEGAL AND YOUR LETTER  
6 RECENTLY TO SENATOR FEINSTEIN SUPPORTING HER NEW LEGISLATION  
7 FOR NEW E.U.L. AUTHORITY, WHICH CONTAINS A PROVISION TO  
8 REINSTATE THAT SAME LEASE, THE DEMISE OF WHICH YOU FIRST  
9 APPLAUDED. MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS, I BELIEVE LAST WEEK YOU WERE ONE  
10 OF THE VOICES WHO BEMOANED THE POTENTIAL CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP  
11 AND CONTROL OF THE L.A. TIMES, DILUTING ITSELF LOCAL OWN  
12 HOMETOWN PAPER FLAVOR. THE QUESTION IS: DOES ANYBODY HERE READ  
13 THAT PAPER? BECAUSE WHEN SENATOR FEINSTEIN, REPRESENTATIVE  
14 LIEU AND SENATOR BOXER ANNOUNCED THEIR INTENTION TO INTRODUCE  
15 THE BILL ON AUGUST 6TH, THE V.A. SPOKESMAN WAS WITH QUOTED AS  
16 SAYING, "THIS LEGISLATION OPENS THE DOOR FOR U.C.L.A. TO KEEP  
17 USING THE STADIUM." YOUR LETTER IN SUPPORT OF HER BILL WAS  
18 WRITTEN ON AUGUST 11TH, FIVE DAYS LATER. SO NO ONE HAS AN  
19 EXCUSE SAYING "WE DIDN'T KNOW THAT WAS IN THERE." NOW, LAST  
20 MONDAY AND TUESDAY, WE HAD 2.39 INCHES OF RAIN IN THE CITY.  
21 THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE SAID THAT IT WAS THE HEAVIEST  
22 RAINFALL, SECOND HEAVIEST RAINFALL IN SEPTEMBER SINCE RECORDS  
23 WERE KEPT IN 1877. PROPONENTS OF THE U.C.L.A. BASEBALL LEASE  
24 HAVE SAID THAT ONE OF THE DIRECT BENEFITS TO VETERANS IS  
25 KNOWING THAT THEY GET A FREE TICKET TO WATCH U.C.L.A. BASEBALL

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1 GAME. DOES ANYONE ON THIS BOARD SERIOUSLY THINK THAT THE  
2 PROSPECT OF GETTING A FREE TICKET TO WATCH U.C.L.A. BASEBALL  
3 IN THE SPRING WOULD KEEP -- GIVE ANY VETERAN ANY HOPE WHO WAS  
4 EXPOSED TO THAT WEATHER?

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY, YOUR  
7 OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD HAS BEEN AFFORDED YOU AND YOUR TIME IS  
8 NOW EXPIRED.

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10 **JOHN AARON:** THANK YOU.

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12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MADAME EXECUTIVE  
13 OFFICER.

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15 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
16 BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD  
17 OF SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM  
18 CS-1, CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR SACHI A. HAMAI AND  
19 DESIGNATED STAFF AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. REPORT OF  
20 ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2015.

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2 6029/RPR/CRR qualified in and for the State of California, do  
3 hereby certify:

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5 Angeles County Board of Supervisors September 22, 2015,  
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8 That the transcript of recorded proceedings as archived  
9 in the office of the reporter and which have been provided to  
10 the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors as certified by  
11 me.

12 I further certify that I am neither counsel for, nor  
13 related to any party to the said action; nor  
14 in anywise interested in the outcome thereof.

15 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this  
16 28th day of September 2015, for the County records to be used  
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